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**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING\***  
**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2003**  
San Francisco City Hall, Room 263 6:00 p.m.  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400  
San Francisco, CA

1.	<b>Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome</b> Welcome by President Shah	
2.	<b>Adoption of Minutes of November 7, 2002 Special Meeting</b> (Explanatory Document: Minutes of November 7, 2002 Special Meeting)**	<b>ACTION</b>
	<b>REGULAR CALENDAR</b>	
1.	<b>Public Comments</b> <i>Comments on topics not included on the agenda. Please note public comment is also welcome after each agenda item. Please fill out a speaker card and pass it to the Commission Secretary.</i>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
2.	<b>Hydrogen Fuel Cell Report</b> Julia Curtis, Department of the Environment  <b>Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 001-03-COE</b> Hydrogen City (Explanatory Document: Resolution No. 001-03-COE Hydrogen City)**  Resolution establishing a sub-committee to study hydrogen systems development; hear testimony and report to the commission; and urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to declare San Francisco a <i>Hydrogen City</i> and take other actions consistent with such declaration.  <i>Sponsored by Commissioner Randall Hayes</i>	<b>PRESENTATION ACTION</b>
3.	<b>Environmental Justice Grantees</b> Samuel Wright, Hillary Amsberry and Sraddha Mehta, Department of the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Young Community Developers</i></li> <li>• <i>Potrero Hill Neighborhood House</i></li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>
4.	<b>Consideration of Funding Recommendations for Environmental Justice Rolling Grants</b> Samuel Wright, Hillary Amsberry and Sraddha Mehta, Department of the Environment	<b>ACTION</b>
5.	<b>Harding Park IPM Plan and Renovation Efforts</b> Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment Dan McKenna, Superintendent, Southern Division Rec. and Parks Department	<b>INFORMATION</b>

6.	<b>Update on Dental Mercury in the Wastewater</b> Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment Steve Medbery, Bureau Manager BERM	INFORMATION
7.	<b>Approval of the List of Reduced Risks Pesticides</b> Updates on the Integrated Pest Management Report Robin Breuer, Department of the Environment	ACTION
8.	<b>Zero Waste Goals</b> Jared Blumenfeld, Department of the Environment	DISCUSSION
9.	<b>Secretary's Report</b> Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary A. Communications & Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter from the Coalition to Abolish Mercury Dental Fillings urging the Commission to require the use of amalgam separators and to take other measures to reduce mercury discharge into wastewater. (Explanatory Document: Letter from the Coalition to Abolish Mercury Dental Fillings Washington, D.C.)*</li> <li>2. E-mail from <i>maz</i> Mercury Exposure supporting the use of amalgam separators. (Explanatory Document: Email from Abolish Mercury Dental Fillings, Received 10.09.02)*</li> <li>3. Letter from The 100<sup>th</sup> Citizen supporting the use of emission less cars. (Explanatory Document: Letter from The 100<sup>th</sup> Citizen, Mendocino, County, CA)*</li> <li>4. Letter from the American Chemistry Council, opposing the Precautionary Principle (Explanatory Document: Letter from the American Chemistry Council, Sacramento, CA)*</li> </ul> B. Update on Pending Legislation C. Recommendations for meeting locations.	INFORMATION
10.	<b>Director's Report</b> Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Director's Report)** <i>Updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.</i>	INFORMATION
11.	<b>Planning &amp; Policy Committee Report</b> Commissioner Evans, Chair <i>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2003 in City Hall, Room 421 at 6:00 PM.</i>	INFORMATION
12.	<b>Finance &amp; Operations Committee Report</b> Commissioner Rodriguez, Chair <i>Updates on the Wednesday, January 8, 2003 Finance and Operations Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2002 at 4:30 PM at 11 Grove Street.</i>	INFORMATION
13.	<b>Precautionary Principle ad hoc Committee Report</b> Commissioner Hayes, Chair <i>The next Precautionary Principle ad hoc Committee meeting is will be on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.</i>	INFORMATION
14.	<b>New Business</b>	INFORMATION
15.	<b>President's Announcements</b>	INFORMATION
16.	<b>Election of Commission Officers</b>	ACTION
17.	<b>Public Comments</b>	INFORMATION
18.	<b>Adjournment</b>	

\* This is Special Meeting because it not on its regular meeting day, nor is it in its regular meeting place.



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3 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY HYDROGEN SYSTEMS**  
4 **DEVELOPMENT; HEAR TESTIMONY AND REPORT TO THE COMMISSION; AND**  
5 **URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MAYOR TO DECLARE SAN**  
6 **FRANCISCO A *HYDROGEN CITY* AND TAKE OTHER ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH**  
7 **SUCH DECLARATION.**  
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10 WHEREAS, There are over a half a billion automobiles in the world as well as  
11 numerous trucks, buses, locomotives, aircraft, ships and boats in growing numbers all  
12 powered by oil; and

13 WHEREAS, The limited occurrence and finite amounts of oil deposits around the world  
14 is not a sustainable long-term source of energy; and

15 WHEREAS, Combustion of oil and other fossil fuels account for significant amounts of  
16 greenhouse gases and other pollutants in the atmosphere that pose a threat to human health  
17 and the natural systems that support life<sup>1</sup>; and

18 WHEREAS, The money from local economies that currently goes to distant oil-  
19 producing nations and corporations may be used locally to develop self-sufficient regional  
20 energy systems, supporting local jobs and economic development; and

21 WHEREAS, Hydrogen, unlike oil or other fossil fuels, is the most plentiful element  
22 found in the universe and can be produced locally; and  
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<sup>1</sup> Third Assessment Report "Climate Change 2001," 2001, IPCC

1 WHEREAS, Hydrogen can provide energy for both transportation and stationary power  
2 needs without contributing carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gasses to the atmosphere;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions required to protect the  
5 climate is of significant importance not just to the community of nations but to the City and  
6 County of San Francisco, which relies heavily on the stability of the climate for our water and  
7 power supplies; and

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted a greenhouse gas  
9 emission reduction goal of 20% by 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, Hydrogen energy systems can contribute substantially to the achievement  
11 of many of the San Francisco's priorities, including but not limited to: energy security and cost  
12 reduction; increased mobility and transportation options; urban and rural forest protection;  
13 sustainable local economic development; and improved air quality; and

14 WHEREAS, Using hydrogen as a replacement for fossil fuels would demonstrate that  
15 renewable energy and environmentally benign energy systems are currently achievable on a  
16 local level; and

17 WHEREAS, A hydrogen transportation corridor from Sacramento through the San  
18 Francisco Bay Area to Los Angeles is already being designed and built and the City and  
19 County of San Francisco wants to do its part to support such important innovation; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of the  
22 City and County of San Francisco to declare San Francisco a HYDROGEN CITY that will  
23 seek to adopt new hydrogen technologies for both transportation and stationary applications;  
24 and be it

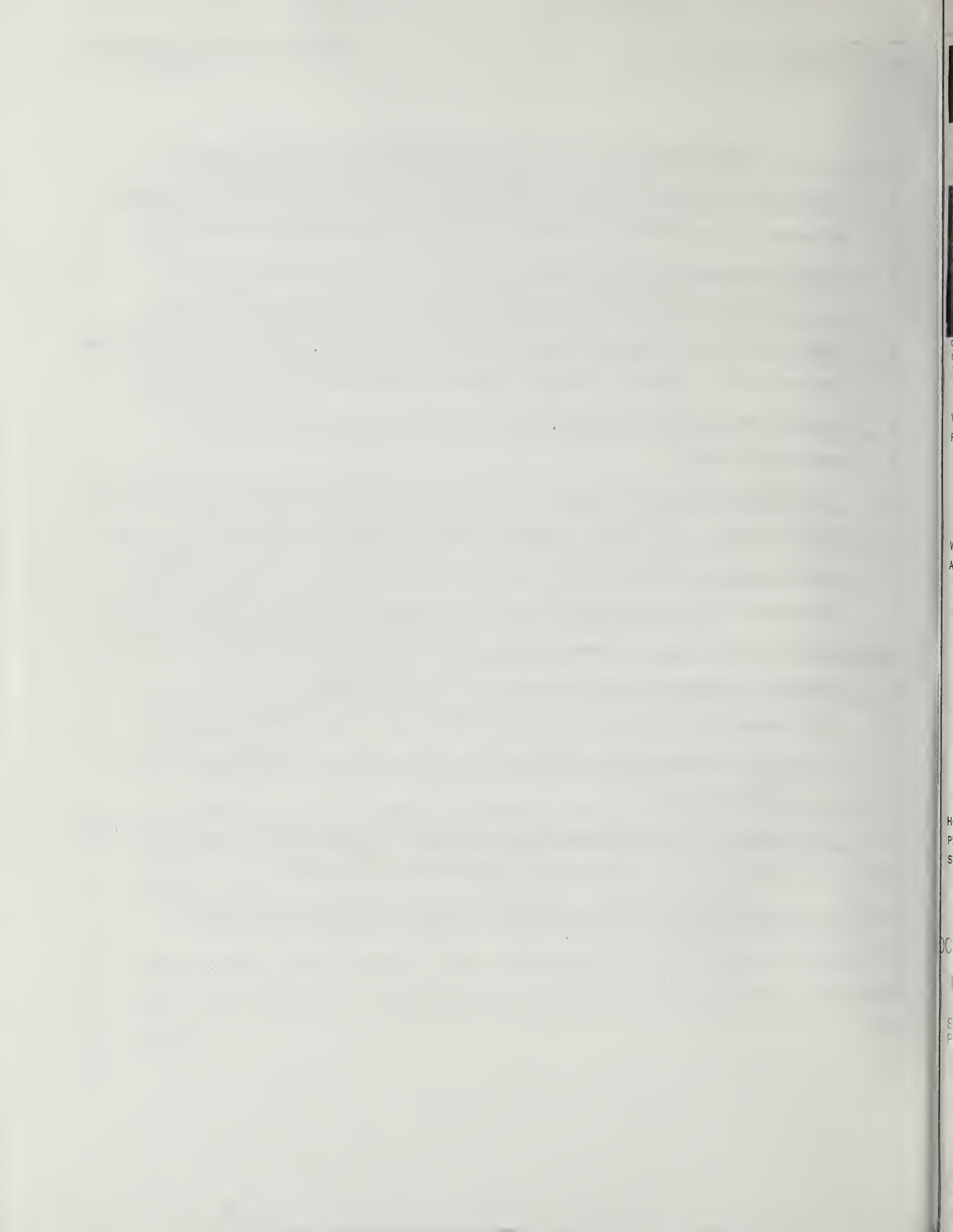
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the Mayor and Board of  
2 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to actively notify major transportation  
3 companies and manufacturers of stationary hydrogen applications (such as back-up  
4 generators) that San Francisco seeks a long-term business relationships; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the Mayor and Board of  
6 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to actively support the synergistic goals  
7 of increasing San Francisco's hydrogen power use, energy efficiency, development of  
8 renewable energy systems, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and reducing oil  
9 dependence; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Commission hereby establishes a sub-committee of three  
11 Commissioners to study hydrogen systems development and hear testimony from industry,  
12 community groups, academics, and the general public as well as the Climate Protection  
13 Division of the Department the Environment and other appropriate City agencies. The sub-  
14 committee will research and report to the Commission on hydrogen use and oil reduction  
15 strategies with specific milestones and goals. These may include:

- 16 a. Assessing of the most promising alternatives for hydrogen technologies, their  
17 approximate costs and benefits, and the estimated time and resources required to  
18 implement them;  
19 b. Assessing of alternatives that require actions that lie outside the City's control and what  
20 the City can do to influence those responsible for such actions;  
21 c. An accounting of City activities where hydrogen may replace fossil fuel use;
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# HYDROGEN FUEL CELLS: RENEWABLE, ZERO-EMISSION, ENERGY SOURCES

## STATIONARY AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

### SAN FRANCISCO AS A HYDROGEN CITY

San Francisco is already known for its innovation, its environmental principles, and its cutting edge attitudes about local social issues.



CONCEPTUAL IMAGE OF  
STATIONARY FUEL CELL AT  
SAN FRANCISCO'S CITY HALL

- Declaring San Francisco a Hydrogen City will prove that the city is taking a leadership role in developing local energy sources to meet local energy needs and in turn, we will be a model for other municipalities in the U.S. and elsewhere
- A Hydrogen City is a city that is looking forward to the next generation of technological and environmental achievements. It is a city that is investing in real energy alternatives and breaking the expensive and inefficient fossil fuel habit. A Hydrogen City welcomes new technologies and innovative projects and offers opportunities for industry leaders to demonstrate and showcase their products here.

### WHAT IS A HYDROGEN FUEL CELL?

- A fuel cell operates like a battery, but unlike a battery, a fuel cell does not run down or require recharging
- Fuel cells will produce energy in the form of electricity and heat as long as fuel (hydrogen) is supplied

### WHY USE HYDROGEN AS A FUEL?

- Hydrogen, unlike fossil fuels, is not carbon-based. When it burns in air it produces only heat energy and water. Burning hydrogen does not emit greenhouse gases, contribute to ozone depletion, or cause acid rain
- As a gas or a liquid, hydrogen can easily be transported, stored and can be used in every application where fossil fuels are used today
- Unlike electricity, whose production must be carefully scheduled to accommodate peak usage periods, hydrogen can be transported and stored for industrial, commercial, or residential needs and to make electricity at virtually any time
- One pound of hydrogen when combined with oxygen will make nine pounds of water. Therefore a hydrogen power plant could also make valuable quantities of high quality water in addition to producing electricity

### HOW IS HYDROGEN PRODUCED AND STORED?

**FUEL REFORMER** – A fuel cell system which includes a "fuel reformer" can use hydrogen from any hydrocarbon fuel - from natural gas to methanol, and even gasoline. Some car manufacturers are developing fuel cell cars that reform gasoline and natural gas.

**SOLAR HYDROGEN** – Solar photovoltaic, wind power, tides and falling water (hydro-electric turbines) can also create electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. When hydrogen is produced from the sun or other renewable energy sources it is called "Solar-Hydrogen".

**ELECTROLYSIS** – Electrolysis is the process whereby electricity is passed through water and the basic elements are released. In the case of water, one mole of water yields two moles of hydrogen and one mole of oxygen. Although this type of hydrogen production is expensive it is based primarily on the cost of the electricity to run through the water. It is possible and viable to use renewable technologies, such as solar and wind energy to power the electrolysis process.

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## HOW CAN HYDROGEN FUEL CELLS BE USED?

Fuel cells have enormous potential for a variety of applications. They are being used throughout the world in buildings, buses, and small distributed generation grids. Along with technological developments, there have also been great strides made in policy development that supports fuel cell innovation.

### STATIONARY POWER GENERATION



More than 200 fuel cell systems have been installed all over the world — in hospitals, nursing homes, hotels, office buildings, schools, and utility power plants providing primary power or backup power.

- Fuel cells are a viable alternative to dirty diesel generators currently being used by many facilities to provide backup service in the event the electrical grid goes down
- In large-scale building systems, fuel cells can reduce facility energy service costs by 20% to 40% over conventional energy service
- Power plants could be mass-produced so that the cost per kilowatt will be substantially less than that of large conventional power plants
- Wastewater treatment plants and landfills are using fuel cells to convert the methane gas they produce into electricity

### TRANSPORTATION USES



Right now, all of the major automakers are working to commercialize a fuel cell car. There have been a variety of industry and government partnerships formed to further advance the development of fuel cells and bring products to market. Fuel cells are already powering buses, boats, trains, planes, scooters, and even bicycles.



- In the Bay Area, AC Transit will soon be testing 3 hydrogen powered fuel cell buses. A hydrogen fueling station has been installed in Richmond to provide fuel for these buses as well as any other fuel cell vehicle.
- Developing viable and accessible refueling facilities will attract vehicle manufacturers to bring their products to the Bay Area.
- Several auto makers have already entered into long-term pilot testing projects with academic institutions and municipal governments in California.
- A ferry powered by hydrogen fuel cells is being planned to operate between San Francisco and Treasure Island.
- Mixing hydrogen into compressed natural gas (CNG) may also offer cleaner emissions from existing CNG-powered vehicles.

### A HYDROGEN ECONOMY?

In 1998, Iceland announced plans to create a hydrogen economy in cooperation with German car maker Daimler Benz and Canadian fuel cell developer Ballard Power Systems.

- The 10-year plan would convert all transportation vehicles, including Iceland's fishing fleet, over to fuel-cell-powered vehicles.
- In March, 1999, Iceland, Shell Oil, Daimler Chrysler, and Norsk Hydro formed a company to further develop Iceland's hydrogen economy.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

There are a variety of websites devoted to hydrogen fuel cells, vehicles, and products. This is a partial list of some of those sites:

[www.clean-air.org/](http://www.clean-air.org/)  
[www.eren.doe.gov/hydrogen/](http://www.eren.doe.gov/hydrogen/)  
[www.fuelcellpartnership.org/](http://www.fuelcellpartnership.org/)

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Request:

- (1) Require amalgam separators for all dentists.
- (2) Adopt phase-out of mercury fillings in three years

Source: The California Dental Association itself

Summary: An article in last year's *Journal of the C.D.A.*, co-authored by Coordinator of the CDA's Council on Dental Research and Developments – the chief spokesperson of the CDA against any regulatory oversight – admits in major article to dentists that (1) amalgam is the #1 source of mercury in wastewater, (2) only amalgam separators can work, and (3) even they miss up to 5% of the mercury. This article is at total variance with the testimony the CDA is providing to Cal-EPA.

An article last year in the *Journal of the California Dental Association*, co-authored by CDA official Teresa Pichay, is sharply at odds with CDA's written and oral testimony, including the message Ms. Pichay delivered to at the hearing on October 1. To ensure that nothing in this memorandum is taken out of context, we (1) quote directly and at length from the article, and (2) attach the entire publication to the e-mail version.

The article, "Dentistry, Amalgam, and Pollution Prevention" is co-authored by William J. Johnson (an employee of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board) and Teresa Pichay, Coordinator of the CDA's Council on Dental Research and Developments, and is copyright 2001 by the California Dental Association. Ms. Pichay, you will recall, testified before the Commission against mandatory amalgam separators. She and another CDA official, plus an ADA official from Chicago, testified that the problem of mercury from dental offices was less severe that we stated, that amalgam separators may be an inferior method to address the problem compared to unspecified "best management practices," and that mercury fillings should continue to be implanted in anyone the dentist chooses to place them in.

But the article in the *Journal of the CDA* tells a different story. In this memorandum I use direct quotations, letting co-authors Johnson and Pichay tell their own

story. That story -- the message the CDA tells its members -- is a stark one about the devastating impact of mercury dental fillings:

- Mercury is a horrendous health risk -- it causes brain injuries to children, who can be exposed through the placenta or the breast milk. Mercury poisoning in children can be caused from vapors -- and organized dentistry, who advocates no age threshold for young children to get mercury fillings, elsewhere admits that mercury vapors emanate from the fillings. Thus mercury dental fillings are plainly part of that health risk.
- Mercury from dental offices is a huge environmental problem: dentistry is the #1 source of mercury in the wastewater.
- Mercury placed in people compounds the environmental problem further: mercury from human feces and urine goes into the wastewater in stark quantities, and mercury from dental fillings blasts into the air from cremations.
- Without separators, about 20% of the mercury from dental offices is not caught, going straight into the water. The amount, 0.4 grams per dentist per day, equates to each dentist dumping half a thermometer down the drain each day.
- With separator technology, the amount is much less, only 5%. Yet the ADA testified against such technology at the hearing.

The itemized points and quotations are from authors Johnson and Pichay, as they make the case for mandatory amalgam separators, and, really, an end to mercury fillings. Then the bracketed [ ] segment is our response.

- 1) Dentists used 48 tons of mercury into the environment in 2001, up from 34 tons in 1997.

[Environmentalists say the number is higher, but the number of 48 tons means, based on population apportionment, dentists added over five tons of mercury going into Californians or the California environment (or recycled for going into the environment later). Note that the problem is increasing, not decreasing.]

- 2) "Mercury is a persistent, bioaccumulative toxin" which "does not degrade in the environment." Mercury can "change from one form to another and circulate throughout the environment."

[Thus, the mercury from dental offices can turn into the most virulent form of mercury.]

- 3) "Small fish and other small aquatic organisms absorb methylmercury, allowing it to enter the food web. As mercury rises through the food web, it accumulates in living tissues at ever-increasing concentrations. High levels of methylmercury have been found in large, predatory fish, including the fish humans eat."

[No better reason exists than this to ban mercury dental fillings.]



- 4) "In humans, mercury is a neurotoxin that affects the brain and spinal cord, interfering with nerve function. Mercury poisoning can result from inhalation of vapor."

[She concedes both the horrid harm mercury can cause, and that it can come from mercury vapor. The ADA has long conceded that mercury dental fillings emit mercury vapors into the body.]

- 5) "Pregnant women and nursing mothers can pass methylmercury to their fetuses and infants through the placenta and breast milk. In children, particularly those younger than 6, methylmercury can decrease brain size, delay physical development, impair mental capabilities, cause abnormal muscle tone, and result in coordination problems."

[We see the effect of mercury on the most vulnerable populations, children, whose brains can suffer permanent harm from mercury filling when under six, or through their mother while in the womb or at the breast.]

- 6) In most cases, however, dental facilities contribute a sizable portion of the mercury at wastewater treatment plants, often exceeding the combined contributions of other industrial wastewater dischargers. Wastewater treatment plant operators have estimated that dental offices contribute from 6 percent to 80 percent of the mercury in wastewater.

[CDA concedes: Dentists are number 1 in contributing mercury to the wastewater.]

- 7) "Bay Area wastewater treatment plants account for only about 3 percent of the bay's mercury (but when wastewater treatment plants outside the Bay Area are considered, their total contribution is greater than 3 percent because the discharges from Central Valley plants are included within the 45 percent estimate for the delta)."

[Wastewater treatment plants contribute substantially to the mercury in the Bay Area: 3% (a significant number in itself) plus a percentage of the 45% coming through the delta. Whatever the number, it is controllable: we can stop dentists from putting in mercury; we cannot turn back the clock and undo what the early miners did.]

- 8) "This mercury (i.e., mercury removed by wastewater plants) ends up in sludge that is used as a soil amendment, sent to a landfill, or incinerated. In any case, it is returned to the environment."

[A reminder that all mercury not caught by dental offices does go into the environment.]

- 9) "Mercury is also released when an individual with amalgam fillings is cremated. Crematories typically do not capture mercury from their air emissions. If they did, most current emissions control technologies would convert these air emissions into wastewater discharges. On average, about 0.6 grams of mercury is released by each cremation."

[Another horrendous effect of mercury dental fillings: cremation. It injures the cremation workers. It adds 0.6 GRAMS per cremation. And crematories are not regulated to catch the mercury.]

- 10) "The amount of mercury excreted from individuals with amalgam fillings has been shown to be about 17 times greater than the amount of mercury excreted from individuals without fillings,<sup>16</sup> although other studies have reported factors of 12 and 46.<sup>17,18</sup> The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies estimates that human waste from individuals with amalgam fillings contributes more than 80 percent of the mercury in domestic wastewater. For most metropolitan wastewater treatment plants, this amount, by itself, is sufficient to exceed levels of concern for water quality.<sup>11</sup>"

[A truly astonishing set of admissions by CDA. First, that a person with mercury fillings excretes 17 times more mercury than one without them. Second, that fully 80% of the mercury in domestic wastewater comes from amalgam fillings, the mercury being in the human waste. And third, that the amount is so high that it is, for "most metropolitan wastewater treatment plants," "sufficient to exceed levels of concern for water quality." We see that the mercury from dental offices is only part of the problem. The amount coming from humans, in excretion and in cremation, is itself a public health menace.]

[In the next three points, we see quantitative information about the failures of the old-fashioned ways of catching mercury amalgam.]

- 11) "As shown in Table 1, if the wastewater generated by a dentist who routinely removes and places dental amalgam contains roughly 2 grams of total mercury per day."

[That's about three thermometers per dentist per day!]

- 12) "About 1.2 grams of this mercury is captured by chairside traps.<sup>12,19</sup> Therefore, if the only filter a dentist uses is the chairside trap, he or she could discharge as much as 0.8 grams of mercury to the sewer each day.<sup>20</sup>"

[Thus, with traps but nothing else, the dentist is dumping 0.8 grams, about a thermometer per day.]

- 13) "Vacuum filters are intended to protect vacuum pumps from particles in the wastewater stream, but they also collect amalgam particles. ... The amount of mercury in wastewater passing through chairside traps and vacuum filters, if both exist, appears to be about 0.4 grams per day per dentist."

[Even with chairside *and* vacuums, fully 20% of the mercury is getting through, half a thermometer per day.]

- 14) "Low-technology pretreatment technologies, such as filtration and settling, can effectively capture significant amounts of amalgam particles passing through chairside traps.<sup>31</sup> Removal efficiencies of more than 95 percent can be achieved using technologies currently on the market. Vendors include [names of

companies omitted]. Their products rely on various combinations of sedimentation, filtration, ion exchange, and adsorption technologies to trap mercury that would otherwise be discharged to the sewer.

[This is important: Ms. Pichay concedes that with separators the removal efficiency jumps from 80% to 95%. Yet she testified that the separators do not necessarily improve the collection.]

15) "The original equipment purchase ranges from about \$200 to \$3,000, and annual maintenance costs range from less than \$400 to as much as \$2,500, including amalgam disposal costs.<sup>14,20,32,,</sup>

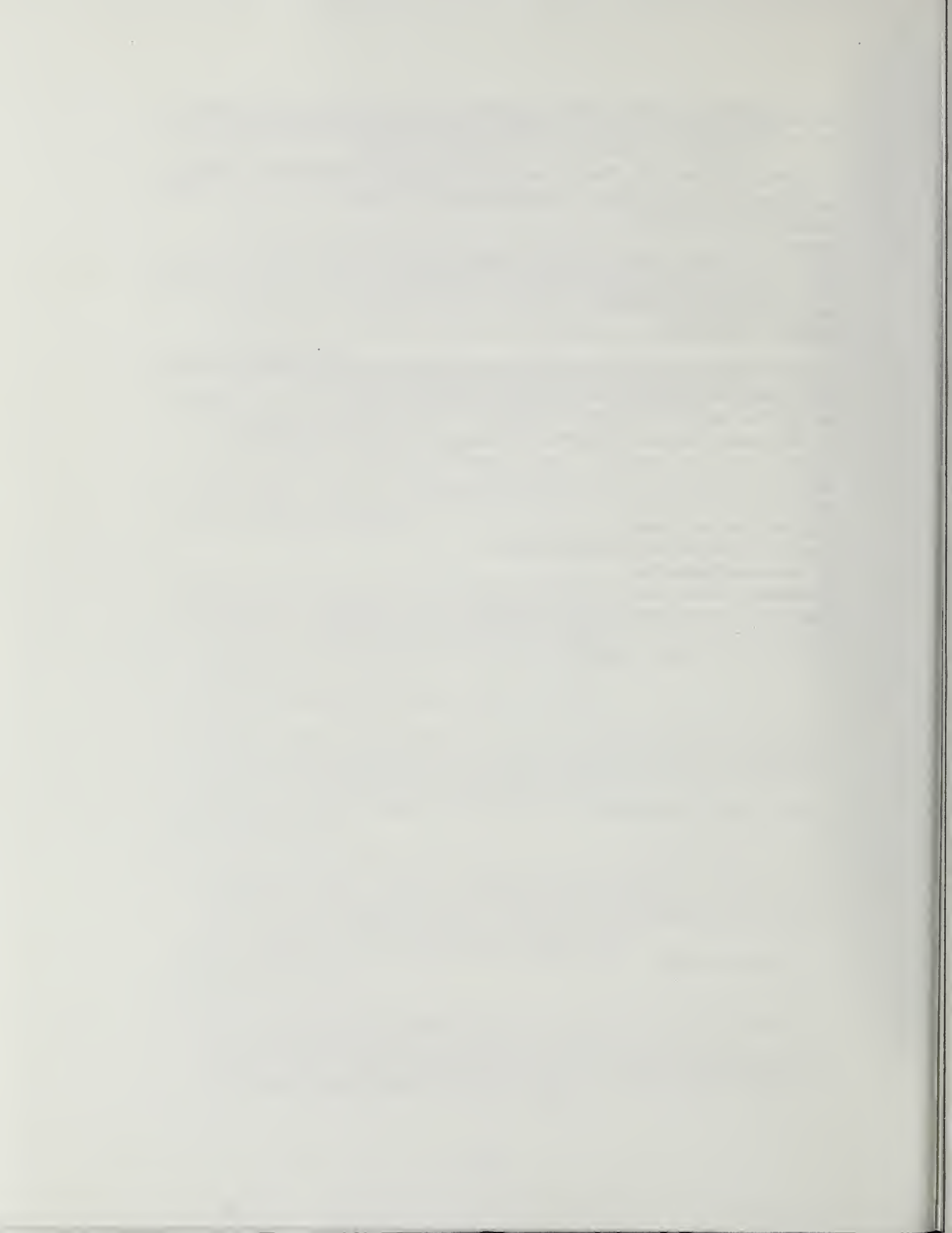
[It isn't expensive.]

16) "Because amalgam use has been linked to mercury in the environment, some have proposed the elimination of amalgam as a restorative material."

*[It may not have been the intent, but this article is one of the best arguments there could be for abolishing mercury dental fillings.]*

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Attachment to e-mail version: the *J-CDA* article







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November 21, 2002

Parin Shah, President  
Commission on the Environment  
City and County of San Francisco

Dear President Shah:

We appreciate the reception accorded our movement to abolish mercury dental fillings, by you, Vice President Evans, Commissioner Hayes, and Commissioner Rodriguez at the meeting of November 7. At the close of the meeting, your statements, and those of Commissioner Hayes, indicate that the Commission intends to get serious about the environmental and health risks posed by mercury dental fillings.

In the City and County of San Francisco, dentists contribute 50% of the mercury to the wastewater. Actually, it's higher; more comes out through human waste after people leave the dental office. This issue was raised before in San Francisco (see the *Chronicle* article I distributed at the meeting); at that time, the government lacked the political will to act, and a voluntary program was adopted.

Plainly, a voluntary system is not working. Ten years into the program, only 7% of San Francisco dentists have amalgam separators. Contrast that with what happens when separators are mandatory: in Toronto, 80% of dentists have separators. The results are exactly what one would expect when dealing with the major cause of mercury in the wastewater: mercury declined 58% in Toronto in the first year!

The CDA's response is one of delay, delay, delay. One of the speakers suggested that eight more Commission meetings on the subject would not be enough. This strategy, unfortunately, continues to work. The top scientist at Cal-EPA told me in person early this year that dental waste would be classified as a hazardous substance. When the proposed rule came out, however, she was overruled, and dental waste is being proposed as merely "universal" waste. Politics won, science lost.<sup>1</sup>

## I. We urge the Commission to require amalgam separators

This June, several major national environmental groups – Mercury Policy Project, Sierra Club (headquartered in San Francisco), Health Care Without Harm, and Toxics Action Center – issued a lengthy report called "Dentist the Menace?". It shows that dental offices are the #1 source of mercury in the wastewater, and the #2 user of mercury, in the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> We can expect more of the same. The ADA just adopted an Action Plan on Amalgam in Dental Office Wastewater (*ADA News*, Nov. 4, 2002), a program focused not on getting dentists to stop polluting but as "multifaceted, with outreach to Congress, coalition-building, contact with government agencies, educational outreach to ADA members and outreach to manufacturers."

We request that Ms. Rogers distribute this letter to all six Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Brown

cc: Jared Blumenthal, Executive Director, and Emily Rogers, Secretary  
Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment  
Drs. Teracita Dean, Andy Landerman, and Ward Eccles  
Anita Vazquez Tibau, California Director, and Pete Conaty, Sacramento  
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Susan Lee, California PIRG  
Michael Bender, Mercury Policy Project  
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To: <emily.rogers@sfgov.org>  
cc:  
Subject: To: Commission on the Environment. FW: Mercury and the California BOD hearing

I attended November 7th meeting: The Commission on the Environment, City and County of San Francisco.

Many thanks and best success in carrying out the decision to protect the environment of San Francisco now and for future generations.

Margarete Levy

<http://mercuryexposure.org>

Mercury education to protect generations.

\*\*\*Please can you forward the following newsletter that may be of interest to the commission:

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**From:** Murlene Brake <dentaltruth@knology.net>

**Date:** Sat, 09 Nov 2002 12:19:59 -0600

**To:** (Recipient list suppressed)

**Subject:** Fwd: Mercury and the California BOD hearing

From: David Kennedy DDS <davidkennedy-dds@cox.net>

To: "David Kennedy, DDS" <davidkennedy-dds@cox.net>

Dear Friends,

I was just thinking over the amazing events of the last 24 hours and had to share with you some of what I saw and heard.

Yesterday, November 7th at the LAX Embassy Suites Hotel in Los Angeles the California Dental Board held an informational hearing regarding the veracity of their existing dental fact sheet. The question asked was, **What scientific evidence, if any, exists that suggests that there are health risks for pregnant women, children, and diabetics from mercury in dental amalgams?** The present fact sheet states; The research literature in peer-reviewed scientific journals suggests that otherwise healthy women, children and diabetics are not at increased risk for exposure to mercury from dental



amalgams. Read the whole mishmash of innuendo and misstatements on the Dental Board web page. <http://www.dbc.ca.gov/news.html>

Both sides were represented by distinguished experts. The pro-unlimited-mercury-exposure-and-use side was presented by Harold Slavkin, DDS the current Dean of the University of Southern California Dental School and Alton Lacy, DDS Professor of dental materials at the University of California San Francisco.

The voice of caution and concern was aptly represented by Boyd Haley, PhD Head of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Kentucky and Fritz Lorscheider, PhD.

Dr. Lorscheider is now Professor Emeritus University of Calgary, Canada School of Medicine and former head of the Department of Medical Physiology. Their latest research has linked mercury to rapid neuron death at levels well below that found in the CSF of amalgam bearers. That research was published in Neuroreports and can be seen on their web sight. <http://www.neuroreport.com/> 30mar01. I also found the entire paper on this web sight. I don't know what [www.mindfully.org](http://www.mindfully.org/) <<http://www.mindfully.org/>> is or their policies are but they have the paper and video posted on their sight. <http://www.mindfully.org/Health/Mercurcy-Exposure-Nerves.htm>

Each speaker was given just 30 minutes to make their point. At California Dental Board member Chet Yokoyama's request, I furnished all of the audio visual projection equipment and he brought his VCR from home. We showed power point, both IBM and Mac, the neuron degeneration video and slides too. Ray Blavatt, my good friend and the video editor on the **"Smoking Teeth Poison Gas!"** video, made a complete video record of the meeting. Both Drs. Lorscheider and Haley gave magnificently precise and scientific presentations where facts were stated as such and references from the peer-reviewed scientific literature were supplied.

Dr. Lorscheider took great pains to address the board with the utmost respect and explained the research protocols he has followed for the last 17 years. He reviewed the earlier work in sufficient detail for the board to see that a considerable body of evidence exist that mercury leaks from set dental amalgam and that it transfers across placenta and gets into the fetus. He showed the work of Aposhian and Echeverria and the higher mercury levels in amalgam bearers after DMPS challenge. He concluded his balanced presentation with the Neuroreports video.

Dr. Alan Kay BOD President asked why there was more statistical variation in the levels of mercury found in the students with amalgam (n 10) than the controls without amalgam (n 10). Dr. Lorscheider patiently explained the wide variation that people experience when exposed to mercury and even DMPS. Some absorb a great deal and excrete it poorly while others are good excretors and do not accumulate it as much. He then went on to explain that even with the variation in findings the results were highly statistically significant. He added that the later work with dentist ( over 1,000) found the same results and neurological impairment of dentists.

Dr. Slavkin used much of his time telling us about his past teaching positions and his jobs with the government. He is the former head of the National Institute for Dental and Cranial Facial Research. He then cited the dental review conclusions from the 1993 US PHS panel and the WHO dental panel as though they constituted a significant contribution to the discussion. Then Dr. Slavkin unfortunately lost his place while in his Power Point presentation and couldn't seem to get it to work. Dr. Haley graciously got him up and going again and put him back on the right slide.

Dr. Slavkin went on to explain that we needed prospective studies of humans to be able to say for certain if amalgams cause any problem and that such studies were underway as we speak. (Personally I'd like to see the minutes of the Medical Review Board that OKs prospective studies of neurological impairment in children. I wouldn't allow it to be done to my children, if I had any.)

He also pointed out that retrospective studies have so far failed to uncover any problems. Dr. Yokoyama pierced the veil of authority and asked a simple question. Something we were all too afraid to do with the professors 30 years ago. He simply asked Dr. Slavkin if the controls in the retrospective study also had amalgams. After some stammering the good doctor did acknowledge that there were no controls without amalgams but went on to claim that having just a few amalgams was just as good . . . well almost. So much for his science.

Dr. Haley was at his finest. He dazzled them with his metabolic pathways, bioconversion of mercury into numerous other forms and very consistent data showing mercury to be highly toxic. When Alan Kay questioned the toxicity of mercury, Boyd was taken aback slightly and explained that he hadn't realized that anyone was still uncertain about that and referred the good dentist to his chemistry textbook. He



showed with his autoradiograph how mercury knocks out tubulin and was severely toxic to neurons. He showed AD brain with high mercury and tubulin knocked out.

He showed data on autism and mothers hair, mothers dental work and children s hair and even their genetic make up. He carefully explained how APOE-2 was protective and APOE-4 produced the highest risk of both autism and Alzheimer s Disease. APOE-2 excretes mercury from brain and APOE-4 does not. He showed how synergism between testosterone and mercury could be used to explain the much higher impact on men than women and how more men than women have AD and more males than females have autism. A fantastic presentation if you haven t sniffed too much mercury already.

The mop up guy for the pro-mercury side was Alton Lacy. Dr. Lacy was the paid consultant to the California Dental Board that was there to defend his Fact Sheet. He is a materials scientist and had some very pretty Power Point Slides of other peoples work. He started his slides by explaining that there are certain facts that everyone agrees upon. First is that amalgam is an alloy and no free mercury exists. (NOT) He claimed that more mercury is taken into the body through the diet (notably seafood) and through exposure to environmental sources than from dental amalgam restorations and offered no science to support his contention.

He said that these fillings are silver amalgam. It was just plain wrong to call them mercury amalgam. Like calling a person a female woman. Redundant and ridiculous! He also quibbled about amalgams being 50% mercury. That is by weight you know. If you had a cannon ball and a Styrofoam ball that were equal in size you wouldn t say that they were 50% each would you? I didn t quite get the analogy. He theorized that the dentist was able to magically squeeze all the excess mercury out of the filling.

His facts were his facts and not supported by any scientific evidence that I could discern. Then he went into his most astounding assertions. First that we must agree to disagree if we were of different minds and that opposition to the use of mercury in dentistry was like a religion based upon faith rather than good common science.

He made a very good point though. One camp (his) says amalgam should be used until it is proven to cause a specific disease in humans. The other camp says it should not be used until it is proven safe. These two camps will not agree ever. I think that is a very true



statement. He is clearly from the old Tobacco school that says I can do it until you catch me.

He then went on to claim that animals don't count not once but several times. He said, I don't treat sheep in my practice and I don't treat monkeys nor do I work on snails so while studies of these animals might be interesting they bear no relevance to the issue at hand. He did show an amazing slide of some poor bloke with about 74 surfaces of amalgam complete with blue gums and blue/black teeth. He seemed to think this was the finest that dentistry had to offer only the wrong color.

How do you argue with that?

He went on to show much of the research into the exposure to mercury from amalgam leaving little doubt in anyone's mind that there is a considerable body of evidence that people are exposed to a lot of mercury from dental amalgams. This is cause for concern but Dr. Lacy applies his own logic to the evidence and declared that the evidence did not show a causal relationship to any specific disease. Dr. Yokayama had to stop him at one point to clarify what the research Drasch had done. Dr. Lacy claimed that Drasch had not found a causal relationship to mercury and disease. Dr. Yokayama pointed out that Drasch did not look for such a relationship. He had only related the amount of mercury in the fetus and small children to the number of fillings in the mothers teeth. Dr. Lacy finally admitted that the conclusion of causal was in fact his own addition to the research and was his opinion and not Dr. Drasch's.

He then claimed that the safest way to remove amalgam was extraction. Apparently he has not read the Frykholm paper that showed using radioactive Mercury 203 that extraction too exposes the patient to mercury. (Frykholm KO: On mercury from dental amalgam. Its toxic and allergic effects and some comments on occupational hygiene. Acta Odont Scand 15:7-108, suppl 22, 1957)

At the end of the presentations Dr. Slavkin had split so it was up to Alton to defend the cause. Dr. Lorscheider in his most medical way had to explain in the 3 minute rebuttal that animals do count and that medicine relies almost exclusively upon animal studies to make their therapeutic decisions. A lively discussion ensued and I can't do it justice. Let me know if you want a draft slightly edited video and you can see for yourself.

Following the presentations the public is allowed to speak. The ADA and the CDA gave their version of scare tactics. Dentistry would cost so much more that all the poor children would have to have their teeth pulled. Disease would become rampant if their favorite material were banned. One even claimed that amalgam worked under water.

Ray and I showed the first 6 minutes of our video **"Smoking Teeth Poison Gas!"**. (let me know if you want 100 copies) We only got three minutes each because the dental board is so pressed for time they can only stand snippets of conversation.

Anita Tibeau from Consumers for Dental Choice and a whole army of local activists from the NAACP to nursing sororities came up and endorsed prohibitions on the use of amalgam. Numerous mercury-free dentists from the US and even Mexico spoke about the amalgam issue. Dr. Grant Layton of the Environmental Dental Association spoke from his heart as he greeted Alton with fond words. Alton had been his professor many years earlier when they both were younger. Then he went on to tell Alton that he was wrong. Amalgam was not the only way to fix teeth and that he (Grant) had been mercury-free for 20+ years and had no trouble using the newer materials.

Sam Queen spoke eloquently about the roll of mercury and disease. He was so well spoken and polished I felt proud to have known him for the last 15 years.

Ward Eccles of Pleasanton expressed the shock that everyone shared that amalgam could be used under water. He never knew that and neither did any other good dentist present. I thought water contamination made amalgam expand a lot and crack teeth.

LA Congresswoman Diane Watson's representative gave a very good outline of the Watson-Burton bill and urged the dental board to listen carefully. He in a very pleasant fashion explained exactly what the basis of the AB 934 informed consent law was and how they, so far, have failed to comply. The Lawyer representing the Fellmeth USD Consumer Advocates thanked the board for the informational hearing (as had many others) and went on to say that the Fact Sheet was totally inadequate and failed to fulfill the AB 934 requirements.

Other than the three representatives of disorganized dentistry no one else spoke in favor of this 200 year old blunder. One might have noticed that a good many in the room chose not to speak. Wandering among them and exchanging business cards it quickly became

apparent that Los Angeles has more toxic tort lawyers per capita than people with amalgam. More power to them.

The A-Team retired to the hotel restaurant for refreshments. After a leisurely lunch Ray and I packed up the cameras, projectors, equipment and drove the traffic clogged LA freeway back to San Diego and Boyd and Fritz waited until almost midnight to hop the red-eye back east. Both had duties the next morning after flying all night. Fritz had a tennis game and Boyd had another lecture. My hats off to both these fine gentlemen who took time away from their work and families to fly some 3000 miles and three time zones to share with the California Dental Board in 30 minutes what they have learned over the last 40 years. We sincerely hope they were listening. If not, we ll still protect the public even if we must legislate away the dentists ability to practice independently.

Contact your representative in support of the Watson/Burton bill HR 4163. Locate your congressperson by zip code at <http://www.congress.org/> Then send them an email as to why they should support HR 4163. The hearings start November 14th 10AM.

These are my opinions and recollections. Others may differ.

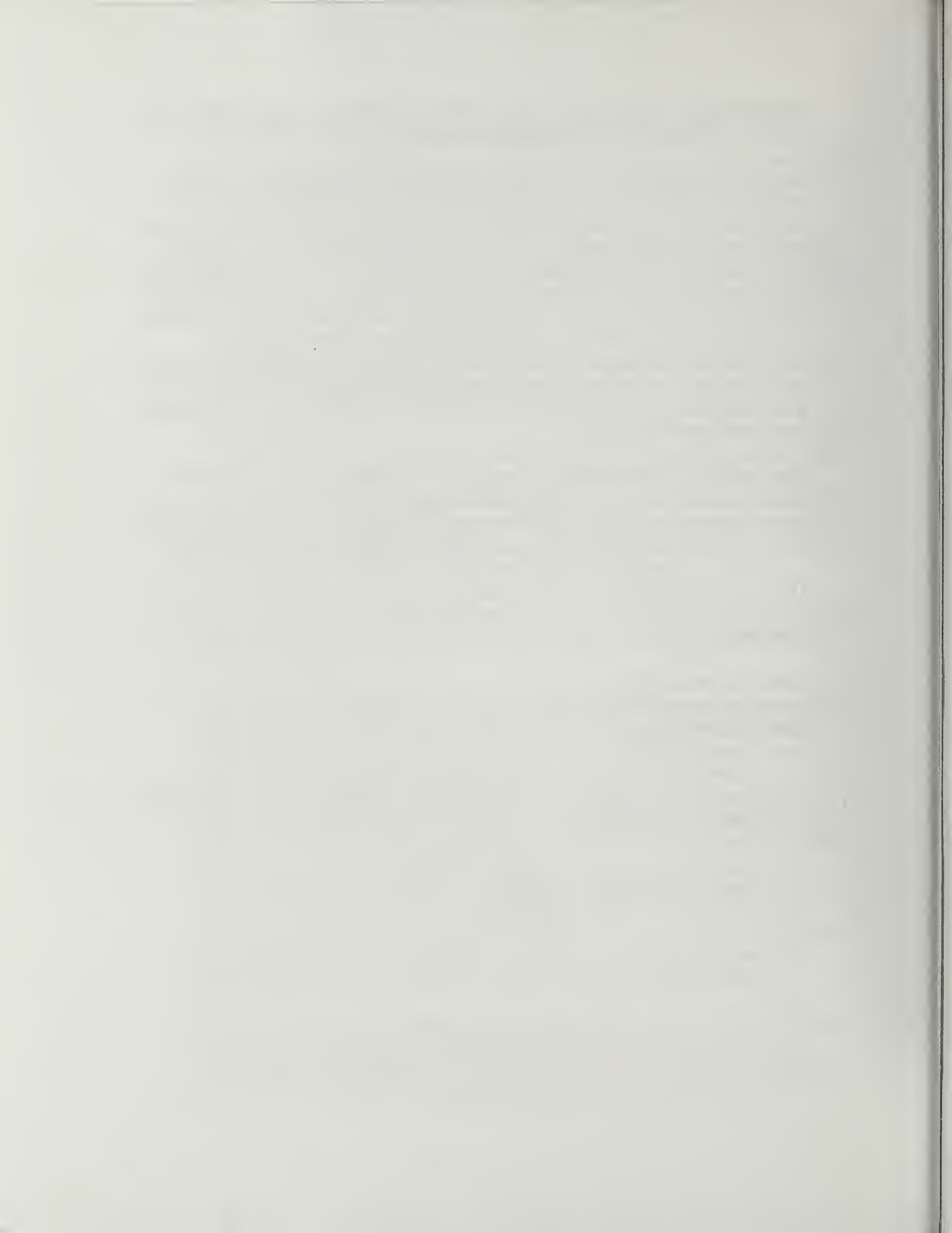
Sincerely,

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If you are not concerned about exposure to mercury and would like off this eclectic list, just ask.

----- End of Forwarded Message





Dear Governor Gay Davis, and Anyone Else Interested in a Clean Atmosphere, November, 2002.

I applaud your passing a mandate for Emissionless Cars in California by 2009. I would like to contribute to this effort. I have my own plans for an electric car with several key features that together can outperform most all fossil fuel and hybrid cars. And I bet I'm not the only one.

Please pardon my language, but I say, "Screw Detroit and the Oil Slick they road in on!"

Silicon Valley alone has more "Hi-Tech Know-How" than Detroit has ever seen! Why are we waiting on their approval to build our own Electric Car Industry?!

Let's put them to shame! Leave them in their own petroleum cloud like the dinosaurs they are!

The California infrastructure is already in place; we just need to change the Product Definition:

- A. The Hard Disc Drive Industry already makes powerful magnets in high volume that can be used in new electric wheel motors,
- B. The Switching Power Supply Companies and Fan Manufacturers can make Brushless DC Motor Drives,
- C. The United Motor Plant in Fremont can STOP building fossil fuel engines for Detroit, and START building car chassis and electric motors for our new California Cars,
- D. The Boating Industry can build lightweight, strong fiberglass car body shells,
- E. And, *anybody* in Silicon Valley can build better electronics than Detroit.

And we can do all of this by 2007, two years ahead of schedule.

Think about it. If Germany can become the largest exporter Wind Power Technologies; why can't California, the 7<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the WWWorld, become the largest exporter of emission-free Electric and/or Fuel Cell Cars, Trains, and Busses?!

Really, Think about it. Who's gonna stop us? It's all about "free trade" isn't it? Let's use that "double-edged sword" against Detroit already, and kick some serious economic butt!

Let me remind you that the Detroit Boys bought up and locked up all the Railroads Rights early on in California History. This forced Californians to build petroleum-based highways and buy Detroit's cars and more fossil fuels instead of having cleaner, faster Bullet Trains running between S.F. and L.A. This was deliberate sabotage of California's early economic and environmental growth. This alone is a basis for a massive civil suit. Detroit and DC have absolutely no legal grounds in barring California from developing any environmentally friendly technology needed to re-coup the \$8 Billion stolen from California recently by that same Eron/Anderson Oil Crowd. In fact, those boys should all be held "accountable" and made to pay for our new public, free, high-speed, electric rail system connecting the entire State of California.

The WWWorld has been waiting a long time for these solutions and your mandate for Clean California Cars is in place. Let's get to work now and do it ourselves. Ignore Detroit and the Shrub Oilgarchy. Our Planet's Survivability is far more important than any of their petty political agendas. Let Californians set the WWWorld-Wide precedence in Sustainable Transportation Technologies.

Because... --if we don't get started now, we may not get the opportunity later.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Citizen.







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APPROVED MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
Thursday, January 9, 2003  
San Francisco City Hall, Room 263 6:00 p.m.  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400  
San Francisco, CA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome: President Shah called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Commissioners S. Bingham, B. Evans, R. Hayes, and P. Shah were present. Commissioners A. Rodriguez and R. Werbe were excused.

2. Adoption of Minutes of November 7, 2002 Special Meeting—Action  
§ The minutes were unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner Evans.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Public Comments  
§ Steve Cochral of the San Francisco Parks Coalition addressed the Commission regarding the use of golf courses as natural habitat for quails.  
§ The published order of business as was modified to hear items 2, 4, 16 and 6 first.

2. Hydrogen Fuel Cell Report  
Julia Curtis, Department of the Environment gave a brief overview of the benefits of hydrogen fuel cell technology and of the Hydrogen economy to the City and County. She then introduced Bill Crilly of the Stuart Energy Company of Ontario Canada who gave a presentation on the development and benefits of a hydrogen economy both locally and globally. He gave an overview of the technology and discussed current trends in the industry.

§ President Shah turned the meeting over to Commissioner Hayes.  
§ Upon motion by Commissioner Shah and second by Commissioner Evans Resolution No. 001-03-COE "Hydrogen City" was introduced and discussed.  
§ Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 001-03-COE—Action  
"Hydrogen City" Sponsored by Commissioner Randall Hayes

Resolution establishing a sub-committee to study hydrogen systems development; hear testimony and report to the commission; and urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to declare San Francisco a Hydrogen City and take other actions consistent with such declaration. Commissioner Hayes recommended the resolution be amended to add Item d.: Establishing a website list entitled NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HYDROGEN CITIES to promote cooperation toward the ultimate goal of stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere and reducing oil dependence via hydrogen, energy efficiency, and renewable energy."

Public Comment:

- a. Tyrone Cahna spoke in favor of the resolution noting it as opportunity for the City to lead the country.
- b. Steve Compe expressed concern regarding the Commission's declaration of San Francisco as a "Hydrogen City" as premature.
- c. Anthony Eggert spoke in support of the resolution.

§ The amended resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Commissioner Shah.

§ Commissioner Hayes returned the Chair to Commissioner Shah.

4. Consideration of Funding Recommendations for Environmental Justice Rolling Grants—Action

Samuel Wright, Hillary Amsberry and Sraddha Mehta, Department of the Environment  
Hillary Amsberry of the Department of the Environment offered background information on the grant process including funding cycles and priority areas. The following proposals were recommended for funding in the noted amounts:

- a. Partnership between Shoreview Environmental Justice Movement and All Hallows Gardens Resident Association in the amount of \$30, 000 which will be set aside until all of the project details are clarified;
- b. Kids in Parks in the amount of \$17,686;
- c. Green Action \$50,000, and
- d. Communities for a Better environment in the amount of \$30,000.

Public Comment:

- a. Dwayne Jones of Young Community Developers encouraged to Commission not to delay the grant process for Shoreview and All Hallows any longer than necessary for the sake of the health of the residents.

§ The funding for the rolling grants was unanimously approved as recommend by staff upon motion by Commissioner Hayes

16. Election of Commission Officers—Action

§ Commissioner Shah announced that Commissioner Rodriguez withdrew herself from nomination to serve as vice president. She instead nominated Commissioner Hayes for the seat.

§ Upon motion by Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Shah was elected President of the Commission and Commissioner Hayes was elected to serve as Vice President for one year.

6. Update on Dental Mercury in the Wastewater—Information

Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment briefly reviewed the human and environmental health hazards of mercury in the wastewater citing dental offices as a largest identified source of pollution. She reported that a partnership with the Public Utilities Commission has been established to address this issue.

Steve Medbery, Bureau Manager BERM committed to maintaining a fully conversant relationship with the Department of Environment to address and resolve this issue satisfactorily. He reported that PUC has engaged a consultant to assist in the development of a list of options. The timeline for developing a list of options is few months.

Public Comment

- a. Charlie Brown requested the Commission to pass a resolution that places a moratorium on amalgam use and require all dentists to post a notice listing the harmful



effects of mercury fillings, and require all dentists to use an amalgam separator.

b. Zina Vasquez spoke on the resurgence of Minamata Disease in Brazil. Minamata disease is the name given to mercury toxicosis.

c. Cathy Mudge of the California Dental Association commented stated that the largest source of mercury in the San Francisco Bay is from the Almandine mines. She spoke about the California Dental Association's efforts to work in pollution prevention. She also commented on Proposition 65 posting of mercury warnings.

d. Teresa Pichay of the California Dental Association asserted the medical community's support of amalgam fillings. She distributed supporting her claims.

§ Discussions ensued. The Commission requested the deputy city attorney to report on the recently settled Proposition 65 case.

### 3. Environmental Justice Grantees— PRESENTATIONS

Samuel Wright, Hillary Amsberry and Sraddha Mehta, Department of the Environment

- Young Community Developers
- Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

§ Due to the lateness of the hour this item was cancelled—President Shah apologized to the aforementioned organizations and community members who came out for this item. He also thanked for their time and their good work.

### 5. Harding Park IPM Plan and Renovation Efforts INFORMATION

Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment

Dan McKenna, Superintendent, Southern Division Rec. and Parks Department and Sean Sweeny, Golf Operations Manager gave an overview of the Harding Park Plan. They emphasized the successes of the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) and park renovation efforts. Currently, they are in compliance with the goals of the Plan specifically the reduction of pesticide use and developing good gardening practices. The Harding Park Plan will be posted on the Department of Recreations and Parks website. Mr. Sweeney confirmed that approximately 50 acres of 130 would be used for quail habitat restoration. Mr. McKenna will report back to the Commission in the Fall to give updates specifically the public's reaction to the course.

### Public Comment

a. Steve Cochral of the San Francisco Parks Coalition requested Harding Park Plan include some provision for quail recovery and wild life management. He also requested that the Golf Course Management Plan include management for wildlife. He also requested that the Department confer with the Parks Coalition and the SPCA on these efforts.

### 7. Approval of the List of Reduced Risks Pesticides ACTION

Updates on the Integrated Pest Management Report

Robin Breuer, Department of the Environment

This item is for information only. The IPM ordinance mandates that an annual report be prepared. Ms. Breuer focused on citywide programs and presented updates on pesticide use. With the exception of rodenticides, the overall application of pesticides in the City has decreased tremendously.

### 8. Zero Waste Goals DISCUSSION

Commissioner Shah addressed the Commission on the City's efforts to select a date to achieve zero waste. This item was referred to the Planning and Policy Committee.

### 9. Secretary's Report DISCUSSION

A. Communications & Correspondence Commission Secretary Rogers, reported that the Commission/ Department had received the following letters:

1. Coalition to Abolish Mercury Dental Fillings urging the Commission to require the use of amalgam separators and to take other measures to reduce mercury discharge into wastewater;
2. by e-mail from maz Mercury Exposure supporting the use of amalgam



separators;

3. The 100th Citizen supporting the use of emission less cars; and
  4. The American Chemistry Council, opposing the Precautionary Principle
- B. Update on Pending Legislation—There were no updates at this time.
- C. Recommendations for meeting locations. The Director and President Shah will assist in the effort to secure appropriate meeting space. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Director's Report INFORMATION

Director Jared Blumenfeld gave updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division. He introduced Sam Wright as the newly hired Environmental Justice Manager and Janet Michaelson as the Urban Forestry Coordinator.

11. Planning & Policy Committee Report INFORMATION

Commissioner Evans reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2003 in City Hall, Room 421 at 6:00 PM. They will consider a resolution to set a zero waste goal date.

12. Finance & Operations Committee Report

Commission Secretary Rogers announced the Finance and Operations Committee will hold two special meetings on Wednesday, February 12 and March 12, 2002 at 4:30 PM at 11 Grove Street. These meetings are to discuss the fiscal year 2003-2004 Budget and to review the Department's Strategic Plan.

13. Precautionary Principle ad hoc Committee Report—INFORMATION

Commissioner Hayes reported that the next Precautionary Principle ad hoc Committee meeting is will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

14. New Business Information:

15. President's Announcements: President Shah made no announcements.

16. Public Comments:

a. Dr. Ward Echols commented on the toxicity of mercury amalgam. He submitted a video entitled "Poison Teeth Smoking Gas" and other materials on the toxicity of dental mercury.

b. Kathy Gallegos spoke against the use of dental mercury.

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

March 6, 2003

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January 10, 2003

RESOLUTION No. 001-03-COE

["Hydrogen City"]

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY HYDROGEN  
SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT; HEAR TESTIMONY AND REPORT TO THE  
COMMISSION; AND URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
MAYOR TO DECLARE SAN FRANCISCO A *HYDROGEN CITY* AND TAKE  
OTHER ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH SUCH DECLARATION.**

WHEREAS, There are over a half a billion automobiles in the world as well as numerous trucks, buses, locomotives, aircraft, ships and boats in growing numbers all powered by oil; and

WHEREAS, The limited occurrence and finite amounts of oil deposits around the world is not a sustainable long-term source of energy; and

WHEREAS, Combustion of oil and other fossil fuels account for significant amounts of greenhouse gases and other pollutants in the atmosphere that pose a threat to human health and the natural systems that support life<sup>1</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> Third Assessment Report "Climate Change 2001," 2001, IPCC

WHEREAS, The money from local economies that currently goes to distant oil-producing nations and corporations may be used locally to develop self-sufficient regional energy systems, supporting local jobs and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Hydrogen, unlike oil or other fossil fuels, is the most plentiful element found in the universe and can be produced locally; and

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WHEREAS, Achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions required to protect the climate is of significant importance not just to the community of nations but to the City and County of San Francisco, which relies heavily on the stability of the climate for our water and power supplies; and

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WHEREAS, A hydrogen transportation corridor from Sacramento through the San Francisco Bay Area to Los Angeles is already being designed and built



and the City and County of San Francisco wants to do its part to support such important innovation; now, therefore, be it

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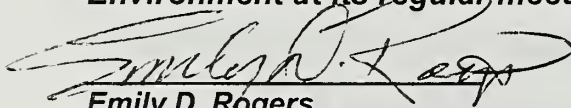
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***I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its regular meeting on January 9, 2003.***

  
**Emily D. Rogers**  
**Commission Secretary**

**VOTE:**

Ayes:	Commissioners, Bingham Evans, Hayes, Rodriguez Shah and
Noes:	None
Absent:	Commissioners Werbe



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San Francisco's Commission on the Environment welcomes and encourages your participation.

Please join the Commission for its Special Meeting on

**Thursday, March 6, 2003**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Golden Gate National Recreation Area**

**Fort Mason Building 201**

**@ Bay and Franklin**

**San Francisco, CA**

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### Special MEETING\*

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

1:00 p.m.

City Hall Room 400



## San Francisco, CA

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Call to Order and Roll Call

### Review and discussion on the implementation of the Electricity Resource Plan. **DISCUSSION**

(Explanatory Document: Electricity Resource Plan\*\* also available at <http://www.sfgov.org/sfenvironment/aboutus/energy/resource-plan.pdf>

Public Comment

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**March 25, 2003 Joint COE / PUC Approved**

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1:00 P.M.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of March 6, 2003 Special Meeting (Explanatory Document: Minutes of March 6, 2003 Special Meeting)\*\*
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THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT ARE  
RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION.

5. Currently there are no items on the Consent Calendar.

### REGULAR CALENDAR

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7. **INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report  
Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary  
A. Communications & Correspondence  
*Received*  
(Explanatory Documents: Letters from the following correspondents)
  - E-mails: fifteen (15) total e-mail letters have been received from Charlie Brown (13), Kathleen McGee, (1) and Bill Magavern (1) regarding Dental Mercury
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  - Letter from Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. Supporting the Precautionary Principle.B. Update on Pending City Legislation
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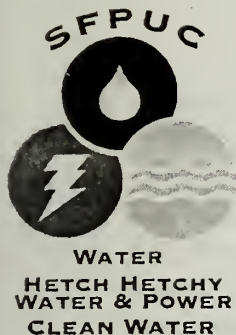
*Sponsored by President Shah*  
Staff: Emily Rogers
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Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment

(Explanatory Document: Director's Report)\*\*

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10. **INFORMATION:** Planning & Policy Committee Report  
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  11. **INFORMATION:** Finance & Operations Committee Report  
Commissioner Rodriguez, Chair  
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  12. **INFORMATION:** New Business
  13. **INFORMATION:** President's Announcements
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Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment
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Julia Curtis and Peter, O'Donnell, Department of the Environment and Joe Neil, HydroVenturi
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# San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

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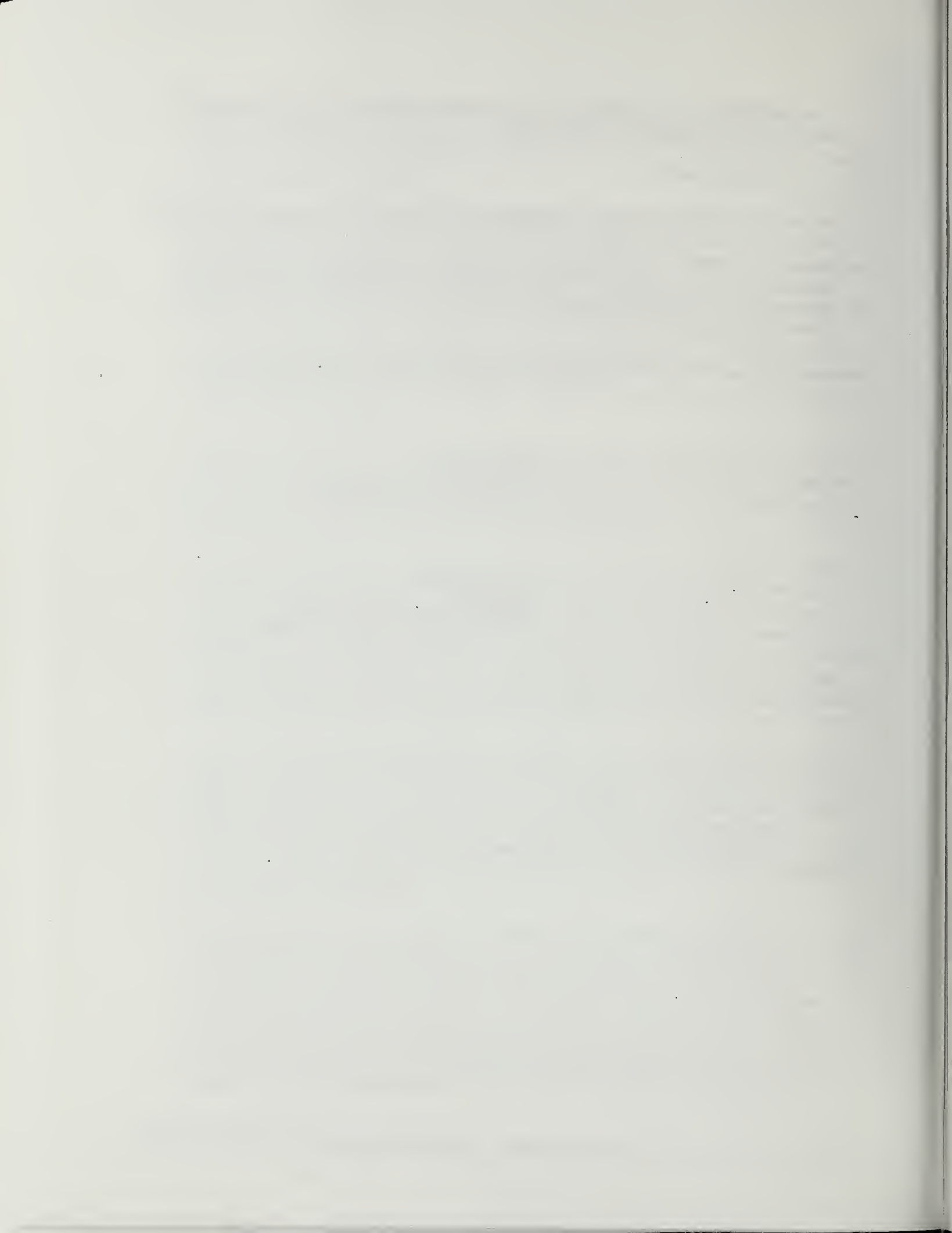
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Parin Shah, President  
Members of the Commission on the Environment

Ladies and Sirs:

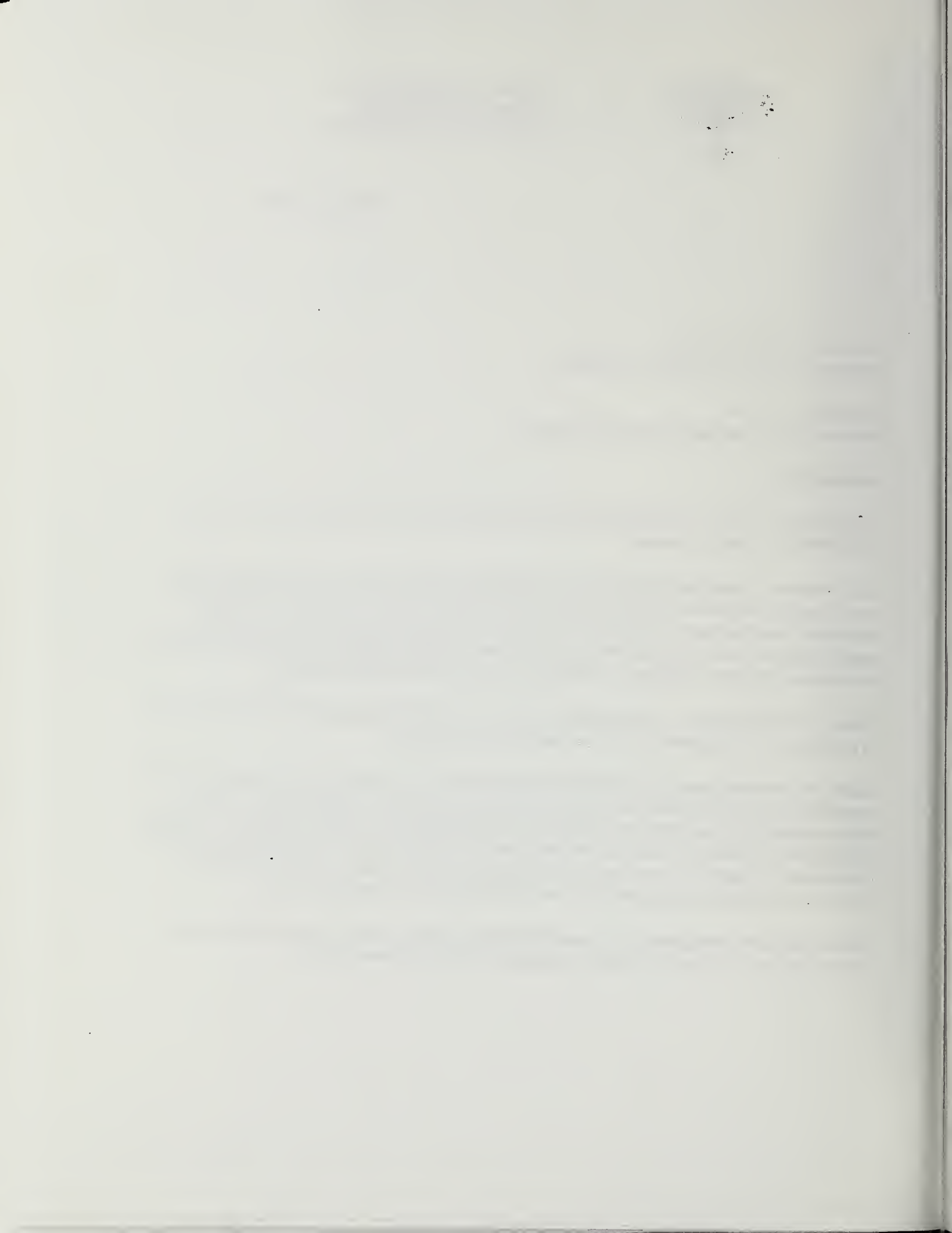
I am writing to add one or two points to those I made in my brief presentation to your Special Joint Meeting yesterday afternoon.

First, however, I would like to again say how important I think it is that you are meeting in this way. For every Department in the City save one the environment is a constraint. That single exception is the Department on the Environment, for whom the environment is a goal. By meeting together in this way you have in a single step raised the status of the environment from a constraint to a partner. That step is in my view a giant stride in the right direction.

I hope you will meet again to discuss water issues. Friends of Lake Merced will be most pleased to participate in the preparation of an agenda for such a meeting.

There were two additional subjects that I had intended to raise, both suggested by items that have appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle Forum in recent months. The first of these was an essay arguing for the development of electrical generating capacity using the tidal power surging through the Golden Gate. This essay was authored by a representative of the Department on the Environment. I hope, then, that your collaboration will lead to much more 'out-of-the-box' thinking, and additional consideration of new technologies and novel techniques.

Perhaps fog catchers might provide a sustainable source of fresh water for Lake Merced, as is proving effective in Equador, Chile and our own California Redwood forests.

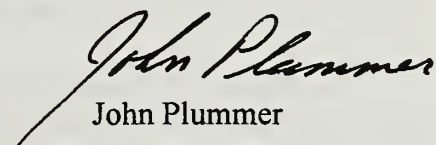


The second essay was a letter from an engineering consultant to the Public Utilities Commission. This letter offered a financial assessment of the solar panels proposed for Moscone Center, and concluded that investment in this system is a misuse of public funds as no adequate return on that investment could be expected. Of course the analysis was the simplest possible assessment of cash flow, comparing the installed cost of the solar system and the amount of electricity it is expected to produce vs. the cost of buying that same electricity from a commercial provider. No consideration was given the health impact of reducing emissions from fossil-fuel generators and the corresponding reduction in the cost of health care, costs related to global warming from this same source, or other environmental and social cost factors.

Let's think big. Enough solar energy falls in a 50 square mile area to provide all of the electricity California needs. A 20- by 25-mile stretch of desert near Bakersfield, covered with solar panels operating at 10% efficiency, would replace all of the electricity generated by fossil-fuel and nuclear power plants for the entire state of California. What would be the health, global warming, and other social and environmental benefits of such a project? And how can those benefits be pro-rated to the system proposed for Moscone Center?

I hope that one product of your collaboration will be a social and environmental evaluation process that will become standard for all projects conducted by the City of San Francisco, and that will provide a model for cities and states across the nation.

Sincerely,

  
John Plummer

c.c.: Jared Blumenfeld, Director  
Department on the Environment

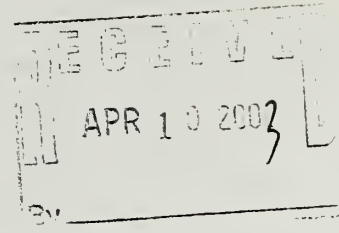
Patricia Martel, General Manager  
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April 9, 2003

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
c/o Clerk of the Board, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support for Precautionary Principle Implementation in San Francisco

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing you to express my strong support for the Precautionary Principle ordinance being developed by the San Francisco Department of the Environment and the San Francisco Commission on the Environment.

Cancer, asthma, Alzheimer's disease, autism, birth defects, developmental disabilities, diabetes, infertility and Parkinson's disease are becoming increasingly common and mounting evidence is linking these diseases to environmental toxins. The public deserves protection from toxic exposure based on a standard that acknowledges that compelling evidence – not conclusive proof – is sufficient to trigger protective action.

Such a standard is expressed through the "precautionary principle." This forward thinking principle takes a common sense approach to approaching policymaking -- where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost effective measures to prevent environmental degradation and protect public health.

Since 1992, the precautionary principle has been included in many global environmental treaties such as the Rio Declaration of the 1992 United Nations Conference on the Environment. San Francisco now has the historic opportunity to incorporate this important principle into local policy through the efforts of the Department of the Environment and leaders from the environmental health, public health and business communities.

Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. is committed to the principle of sustainability in the conduct of our business and in the communities we serve. Norcal's employee-owners live in or near the cities where they work, and are part of these communities. We care about our customers, because they are our neighbors, friends and families. Because we feel so strongly about our communities, we spend significant effort and resources to do our job



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the right way. Innovative recycling programs, such as the three cart collection system, Recycle Central, our state of the art recycling facility, and our food waste composting program, that returns nutrient rich organic material to farmers, vineyards and landscapers, are helping to close the recycling loop and create real sustainability. Similarly, we have pushed truck engine manufacturers to develop cleaner burning fuel technologies, to reduce the amount of harmful air emission. Because of Norcal's efforts, clean burning liquefied natural gas engines are now available for long-haul trucks, and are being developed for collection vehicles that operate in San Francisco's hilly terrain. Norcal embraces these types of challenges because they are the right thing to do for the long-term benefit of San Francisco and the other communities in which we operate.

As the CEO of a multi-million dollar company, I make it my business to be concerned about the health of our customers, our employees and our environment. As such, I am writing to urge you to take the leadership necessary to ensure the proposed precautionary principle ordinance becomes law in San Francisco. The precautionary principle is neither anti-progress nor anti-business. Indeed, this ordinance will *encourage* competition among businesses providing the cleanest, safest products. And passage of this precedent-setting ordinance will provide an important model for the rest of Bay Area and the country.

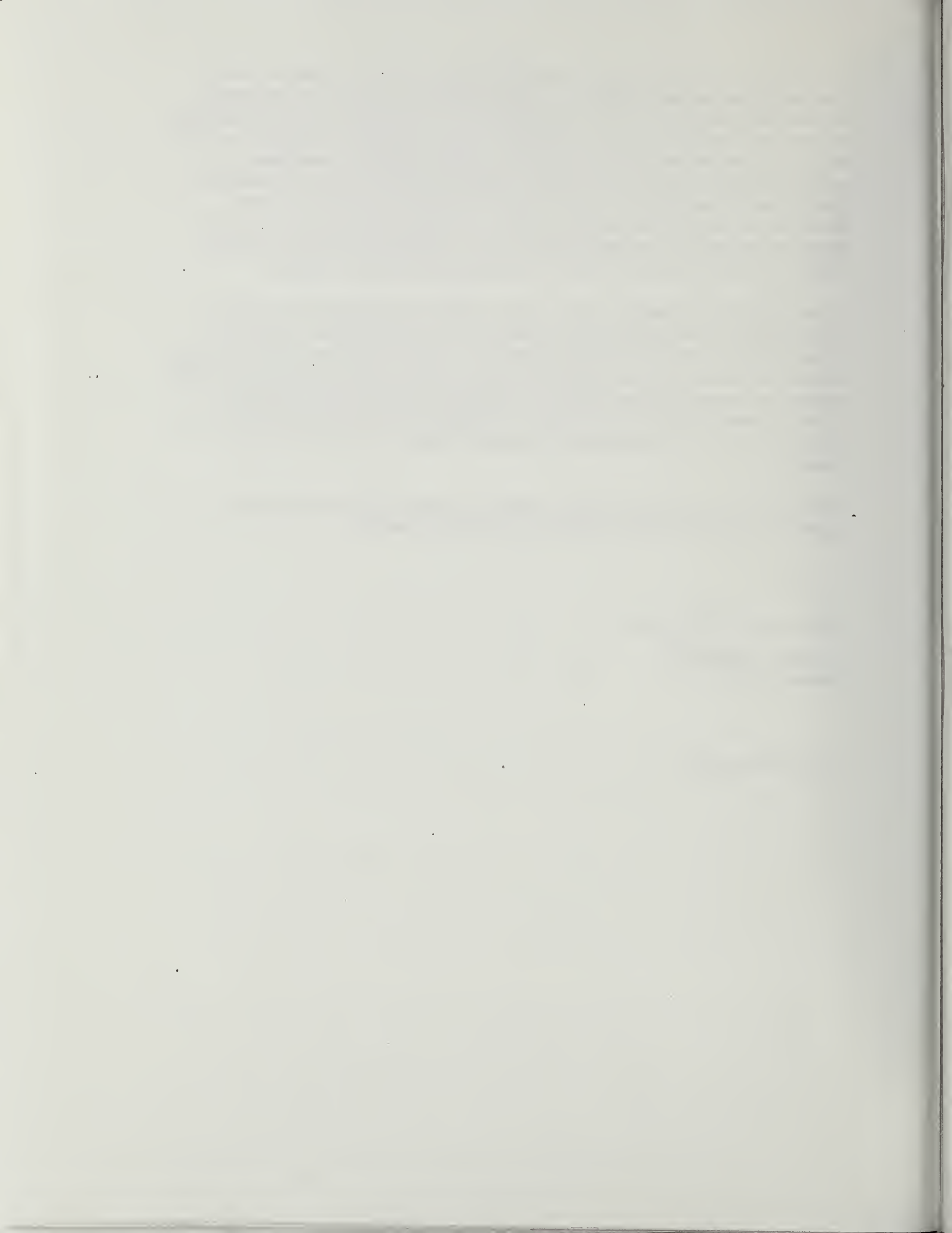
Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with any additional information regarding my support for this critically important policy initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Sangiacomo", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Sangiacomo  
President & CEO

cc: Jared Blumenfeld



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**SF Environment**

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**Commission on the Environment**

**City and County of San Francisco**

**≡ MINUTES**

**≡ SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 1, 2003**

**4:30 P.M.**

**City Hall, Room 400**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Commissioners Bingham, Crowder, Hayes, Mok, and Rodriguez were present. Commissioner Wald was excused.

**3 ACITON: Adoption of Minutes of March 6, 2003 Special Meeting**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Hayes and second by Commissioner Crowder, the minutes were unanimously adopted with minor corrections.**

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 25, 2003 Joint Commission on the Environment and Public Utilities Commission Special Meeting
2. Upon motion by Commissioner Hayes and second by Commissioner Crowder, the minutes were unanimously adopted.



## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Currently were no items on the Consent Calendar.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
2. There were no comments from the public.

1. Commission Secretary's Report

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

A. Communications & Correspondence: Ms. Rogers indicated that the following correspondence had been received:

- E-mails: fifteen (15) total e-mail letters have been received from Charlie Brown (13), Kathleen McGee, (1) and Bill Magavern (1) regarding Dental Mercury.
- Letter from John Plummer of Friends of Lake Merced supporting the Commission on the Environment's work on electrical generating capacity using tidal power, and supporting solar energy.
- Letter from Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. Supporting the Precautionary Principle.

## B. Update on Pending City Legislation

- Ms. Rogers gave an update on relevant pending legislation at local, state and federal level.

1. Upon motion by Commissioner Shah, the Commission unanimously agreed to change the Commission's regular meeting day, time, and place to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November) in San Francisco City Hall Room 400 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

- INFORMATION: Director's Report
- Deputy Director Paul Horcher offered updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.



1. Planning & Policy Committee Report

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2003 in City Hall, Room 421 at 6:00 PM.

1. Finance & Operations Committee Report

- Commissioner Bingham gave updates on the Wednesday, April 9, 2003 Finance and Operations Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

1. New Business

- There was a brief discussion on tying the cost of parking permits to the fuel efficiency of the vehicle. This item was forwarded to the Planning and Policy Committee.

1. President's Announcements

2. Committee Appointments: Commissioner Shah briefly outlined his vision for the Commission's Committees:

- Operations Committee: Arlene Rodriquez, Chair; Rev. Sally Bingham, and Alan Mok.
- Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee: Randy Hayes, Chair; Nia Crowder, and Parin Shah.
- Planning and Policy Committee: Johanna Wald, Chair; Randy Hayes, and Parin Shah.

1. Update on Dental Mercury in the Wastewater

- Debbie Raphael of the Department of the Environment gave updates on work with the PUC regarding the regulation of dental mercury discharge into the wastewater. Currently the PUC wants pursue a mandate approach whereby every dentist and orthodontia specialist would have to prove that they are not polluting or install an amalgam separator. Discussions ensued. Ms. Raphael, will bring more information in either July or September.

1. Tidal Energy

2. Julia Curtis and Peter O'Donnell gave a presentation on the department's planning and research into alternative and renewable energy sources like tidal power. Mr. O'Donnell explained that the tidal

flow under the Golden Gate Bridge is sufficient to install tidal fences, tidal turbines, water farms and other tidal generation devices in the Bay Area to produce ample clean and dependable energy. There are several countries around the world utilizing tidal technology, which is now so advanced that there are no moving parts under water. Mr. O'Donnell showed two videos. The first one was an ABC news segment on Tidal Energy featuring Mr. O'Donnell. The second was a demonstration on how tidal technology works. Discussions ensued.

3. Public Comment

- Tom McDonough stated that he was in support of alternative energy sources. He was particularly impressed with Mr. O'Donnell's presentation. Mr. McDonough commended the Director Blumenfeld for his leadership.

1. : Updates on the Rent Stabilization Act Amendment
2. Cal Broomhead gave a brief overview of the Commission's role and responsibility in the development of a list of Energy Conservation Improvements as required by the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance. He is currently working on a list of recommendations along with an amortization schedule. This item was forwarded to the Policy Committee.

- Public Comment

- Dianna Scott suggested that there be cost differential considerations for new units.

1. Hydrogen Sub-Committee Goals and Objectives
2. Commissioner Hayes reviewed the goals and objectives of the Committee. Discussions ensued. The Committee will formally be called Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee.

1. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
2. Commissioner Crowder thanked the staff of DOE for their time and attention. Her orientation process has been great.
3. Alan Mok gave Gloria Chan kudos for her fine work on the Department of the Environment video.

1. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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## SF Environment

July 09, 2003 Special Meeting

# City and County of San Francisco Commission on the Environment



### AGENDA

### SPECIAL MEETING

This is a Special Meeting because it is not at its regular date and time. Also, the Commission will be considering an amendment to its bylaws.

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### COMMISSIONERS

The Honorable Parin Shah, President

The Honorable Randall Hayes, Vice President

The Honorable Rev. Sally G. Bingham

The Honorable Nia Crowder

The Honorable Alan Mok

The Honorable Arlene Rodriguez

The Honorable Johanna Wald

*Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary*

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

1. **ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of May 1, 2003 Special Meeting (Explanatory Document: Minutes of May 1, 2003 Special Meeting)\*\*

## CONSENT CALENDAR

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT ARE  
RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION.

1. **ACTION:** Consideration of Resolution 005-03-COE Amendment of Commission on the Environment Bylaws (Explanatory Document: 005-03-COE Amendment of Commission on the Environment Bylaws)
2. Resolution approving an amendment of the Commission's Bylaws to change the Commission's regular meeting time; revise the duties and regular date and time of the Finance and Operations and the Planning and Policy committees; and create a standing Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee with a regular meeting date and time.

*Sponsored by President Shah*

Staff: Emily Rogers

## REGULAR CALENDAR

1. **Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

1. **INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

A. Communications & Correspondence

### B. Update on Pending City Legislation

1. Director's Report

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment  
Updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.

1. Planning & Policy Committee Report

Updates on the June 26, 2003 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2003 in City Hall, Room 421 at 5:00 PM.

1. Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report

Commissioner Rodriguez, Chair

Updates on the June 4, 2003 Finance and Operations Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

1. Finance & Operations Committee Report

Commissioner Rodriguez, Chair

Updates on the April 9, 2003 Finance and Operations Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

1. New Business

1. **INFORMATION:** President's Announcements

1. Update on the PUC's Program to Regulate Dental Mercury Discharge into Waste Water System. (Explanatory Documents: City of San Francisco Dental Mercury Reduction Program Overview Prepared by the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission)

Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment

Steve Medberry, Public Utilities Commission



1. Implementation of Administrative Code Chapter 21G Ban on Use of Arsenic Treated Wood Ordinance. Discussion on the need for and feasibility of imposing a citywide ban on the sale and use of arsenic treated wood.

## Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment

1. Consideration of approval of Energy Conservation Improvements Renewable Energy Improvements List as required by the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (Administrative Code Chapter 37).

Cal Broomhead, Department of the Environment

1. **PRESENTATION / ACTION:** Funding Recommendations for Environmental Justice Grants

*Sponsored by Commissioner Rodriguez*

Staff: Sam Wright, Hillary Amsberry and Sraddha Mehta

1. **16.a. ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Southeast Sector Community Development Corporation (SESCDC) in an amount to exceed \$50,000.
- **16.b. ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Consumer Action's Healthy Children Organizing Project in an amount to exceed \$50,000.
- **16.c. ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- **16.d ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Ujamaa Resident Management Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- **16.e ACTION:** Consideration of grant to San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance in amount not to exceed \$17,229.99.

1. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are

within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

1. Adjournment

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# City and County of San Francisco Commission on the Environment

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

July 9, 2003

5:00 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400

**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: Vice President Commissioner Randy Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
1. Roll Call: Commissioners S. Bingham, N. Crowder, R. Hayes, A. Mok, A. Rodriguez, and J. Wald were present. Commissioner P. Shah was excused.
1. **ACTION:** The minutes of the May 1, 2003 Special Meeting were approved unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- The consent calendar was approved unanimously.
1. **ACTION:** Consideration of Resolution 005-03-COE Amendment of Commission on the Environment Bylaws (Explanatory Document: Resolution 005-03-COE Amendment of Commission on the Environment Bylaws)
  2. Resolution approving an amendment of the Commission's Bylaws to change the Commission's regular meeting time; revise the duties and regular date and time of the Finance and Operations and the Planning and Policy committees; and create a standing Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee with a regular meeting date and time.

*Sponsored by President Shah*

Staff: Emily Rogers

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

1. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
2. There were no comments from the public.

1. **INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report

- A. Communications & Correspondence

In a memorandum to the Commission, Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- Faxed letter from the National Environmental Trust supporting the Precautionary Principle.
- E-mails: six (6) total e-mail letters/informational correspondence have been received from Charlie Brown (5), and Katie Silberman, (1) regarding Dental Mercury.

**B. Update on Pending City Legislation**

- Commission Secretary Rogers' memorandum also gave an update on relevant pending legislation at local, state and federal level.

1. Director's Report

Jared Blumenfeld, Director of the Department of the Environment offered updates on SF Environment administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division. Mr. Blumenfeld highlighted that the Department was operating without General Fund support, most of the positions in the office have been re-classified from provisional to permanent civil service positions, and that the Climate Action Plan was nearly complete. He also gave updates on the efforts to repair the erosion damage at Ocean Beach. There was a charter amendment consideration by the Board of Supervisors to clarify the Department of the Environment's role in reviewing comment of land use issues.

1. Planning & Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Wald reviewed the activities of the June 26, 2003 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2003 in City Hall, Room 421 at 5:00 PM.

#### 1. Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report

Commissioner Hayes reviewed activities of the June 4, 2003 Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee meeting. Mr. Blumenfeld gave updates on efforts to acquire a fleet of alternative fuel vehicles and to develop a hydrogen fueling station here in the City. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

#### 1. Finance & Operations Committee Report

Commissioner Bingham reviewed the activities of the April 9, 2003 Finance and Operations Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

#### 1. New Business

- Commissioner Bingham requested that the efforts to restore Hetch-Hetchy be calendared at the Policy Committee.

1. **INFORMATION:** President's Announcements
2. Commissioner Hayes noted the successful effort to establish the Environment Code. He reviewed the next steps in developing the Precautionary Purchasing ordinance. He thanked all involved in the efforts.
3. Commissioner Hayes surveyed the Commission as to whether or not they would like to meet in Closed Session in August to do personnel evaluations. The Commission will not meet in August.

1. Update on the PUC's Program to Regulate Dental Mercury Discharge into Waste Water System. (Explanatory Documents: City of San Francisco Dental Mercury Reduction Program Overview Prepared by the Staff of the SF Public Utilities Commission)

Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment

- Sushma Dhulipala was introduced as the newest member of the Toxics Team.
- The Department was awarded \$51, 000 from the US EPA to implement the Dental Mercury program.
- Steve Medberry, SF Public Utilities Commission reviewed elements of the



Dental Mercury Reduction Program.

- **Public Comment**
- Francisco DaCosta addressed the Commission regarding better signage warning fishermen of mercury in the Bay.

- Commissioner Hayes recognized the attendance of several students from the George Washington High School American Democracy Class.

1. Implementation of Administrative Code Chapter 21G Ban on Use of Arsenic Treated Wood Ordinance. Discussion on the need for and feasibility of imposing a citywide ban on the sale and use of arsenic treated wood.
  - Debbie Raphael, Department of the Environment, addressed the Commission regarding banning the sale of arsenic treated wood in the City and County of San Francisco. A voluntary ban is to go into effect this coming January. Ms. Raphael recommended that rather than implementing legislation, the Commission waits to see the effectiveness of the voluntary ban.
1. Consideration of approval of Energy Conservation Improvements and Renewable Energy Improvements List as required by the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (Administrative Code Chapter 37).

*Sponsored by Commissioner Wald*

Staff: Cal Broomhead, Department of the Environment

- Cal Broomhead reviewed the list offering explanations for each of the recommendations. He also explained the methodology and reasoning used in calculating each of the estimated savings and pass through ratios.
- **§ Public Comment:**
- o Michelle Horneth Director of the Professional Property Owners Association suggested that the property owners should realize 100% of the construction cost through the pass through to tenants.
- Upon Motion by Commissioner Wald and second by Commissioner Rodriguez the Energy Conservation Improvements and Renewable Energy Improvements List as required by the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (Administrative Code Chapter 37) was approved unanimously.

1. **PRESENTATION / ACTION:** Funding Recommendations for Environmental Justice Grants

*Sponsored by Commissioner Rodriguez*

Staff: Sam Wright, Hillary Amsberry and Sraddha Mehta

- Sraddha Mehta briefly reviewed the substance of each grant application. Ms. Mehta reported that after careful staff review of all staff proposals, staff recommended funding for three organizations.
- Commissioner Arlene Rodriguez rescued herself from the voting on grant proposals submitted by Ujama Resident Management Corporation and San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance.
- Public Comment:
  - There were no comments from the public on these items.

- **16.a. ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Southeast Sector Community Development Corporation (SESCDC) in an amount not to exceed \$29,714. – Approved unanimously.

- **16.b. ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Consumer Action's Healthy Children Organizing Project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. -Not approved.

- **16.c. ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000—Approved unanimously.

- **16.d ACTION:** Consideration of grant to Ujama Resident Management Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. -Not approved.

- **16.e ACTION:** Consideration of grant to San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance in amount not to exceed \$16,830. —Approved unanimously.

1. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
2. Upon motion by Commissioner Crowder and second by Commissioner Bingham, the Bylaws were amended to reflect that the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee will meet in City Hall at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 421.
3. Francisco daCosta addressed the Commission regarding the pollution activities of the cruise ship industry in the San Francisco Bay.

1. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

*/Emily D. Rogers/*

Commission Secretary

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

September 10, 2003

5:00 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Commissioners Bingham, Crowder, Mok, Rodriguez, and Shah were present.
3. **ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of July 9, 2003 Special Meeting
  - Upon motion by Commissioner Bingham and second by Commissioner Mok the minutes were unanimously adopted.
4. Report on activities held in Closed Session.
  - There was no report on the activities discussed in Closed Session.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

5. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
  - There were no comments from the public.

The Agenda was heard out of order.

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13. PRESENTATION: Report on City Department Management Plans for Arsenic Treated Wood.

- After reviewing the purpose and intent of the ordinance, Debbie Raphael of the Department of the Environment gave a historical overview on citywide efforts to ban the sale and use of Arsenic Treated Wood, including alternative products. She included a brief reporting on distributor voluntary compliance and commitment efforts.
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- Mr. Carlin gave updates on the history (timeline) and usage of recycled water in the City. Of 90 million gallons of water used a day, 87 million gallons are wasted. Mr. Carlin stated that the key is conservation. The Commission is very interested in supporting efforts to educate the public on water conservation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Emily Rogers  
Commission Secretary





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Respectfully submitted,

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Emily Rogers

Commission Secretary

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### AGENDA

November 12, 2003

5:30 P.M.

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San Francisco, CA 94102

**COMMISSIONERS**

The Honorable Parin Shah, President

The Honorable Randall Hayes, Vice President

The Honorable Paul Pelosi, Jr.

The Honorable Nia Crowder

The Honorable Alan Mok

The Honorable Arlene Rodriguez

The Honorable Johanna Wald

*Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary*

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#### **Regular Meeting Agenda**

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of September 10, 2003 (Explanatory Document: Minutes of September 10, 2003 Meeting)\*\*

#### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

4. **Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
5. **PRESENTATION:** Emerging Pollutants: Pharmaceuticals

Anne Heil, Senior Engineer, Los Angeles County Wastewater Sanitation District

Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, Residential Toxics Reduction Coordinator, Department of the Environment: Household Hazardous Waste Program Response

Steve Medberry, Manager Environmental Regulation and Management, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: SF PUC's current efforts to address and reduce the discharge of pharmaceuticals into the waterways.

**6. INFORMATION: City Government Recycling update**

Julia Chang, City Government Recycling Coordinator, Department of the Environment

Progress report on City Department resource conservation, recycling, purchasing, and waste reduction practices.

**7. INFORMATION: Commission Secretary's Report**

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

A. Communications & Correspondence

B. Update on Pending City Legislation

**8. INFORMATION: Director's Report**

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment

Updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.

**9. INFORMATION: Policy Committee Report**

Updates on the October 23, 2003 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2003 at 6:00 PM at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

**10. INFORMATION: Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report**

Commissioner Hayes, Chair

Updates on the October 1, 2003 meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday,

December 3, 2003 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

**11. INFORMATION: Operations Committee Report**

Commissioner Rodriguez, Chair

Updates on the October 15, 2003 meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street.

**12. INFORMATION: New Business**

**13. INFORMATION: President's Announcements**

- Commission Retreat Agenda

**14. ACTION: Election of Commission Officers**

- Nominations and Vote for President
- Nominations and Vote for Vice President

Ø Nominee for Vice President: Commissioner Nia Crowder

**15. Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

- Adjournment

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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

November 12, 2003

5:30 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

1. Roll Call: Commissioners Crowder, Hayes, Mok, Pelosi, Shah and Wald were present.

1. Adoption of Minutes of September 10, 2003

2. Upon motion by Commissioner Hayes the minutes were unanimously adopted.

- Recently appointed, Commissioner Paul Pelosi was introduced and welcomed by Commission President Shah.

1. Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.

1. Emerging Pollutants: Pharmaceuticals

- Commissioner Shah introduced the issue of emerging pollutants in the in the wastewater and waterways. Recognizing that the issues are very new President Shah emphasized these issues as potentially having a very strong adverse effect on the health of San Francisco's human and natural environment. As such the application of the Precautionary Principle may be required.
- Anne Heil, Senior Engineer, Los Angeles County Wastewater Sanitation District, gave a very insightful presentation on the pharmaceutical and other human induced chemical waste as an emerging pollutant. Specifically Ms. Heil discussed the presence of drugs in the waterways most of which is a direct result of drugs being sewerred. She discussed the pathways and potential health hazards to both humans and marine life as direct result of flushing. Ms. Heil also discussed strategies to pharmaceutical waste that would require: development recommended disposal strategy, public outreach and education campaigns, and disposal guidelines for hospitals, pharmacies, and other medical facilities. Discussions ensued. While there are take back programs, it is unclear as to what happens to the drugs at the end of the line. Ms. Heil emphasized that the science is very new. And while there is some concrete scientific data as to the effects of some drugs on marine life and the potential magnitude of the impact is not fully understood.
- Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, Residential Toxics Reduction Coordinator, Department of the Environment: Household Hazardous Waste Program Response: Ms. Zarrehparvar stated that the Tunnel Road facility is equipped to take household hazardous waste, including expired medications. The program needs to be more widely advertised. The Toxics Team has hosted a number of collection events in around the City. There will be one in Bayview Hunters Point shortly. Ms. Zarrehparvar noted that Senate Bill 20 sets a precedent for the proper disposal of expired medications is a producer responsibility issues. .

- Steve Medberry, Manager Environmental Regulation and Management, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: SF PUC's current efforts to address and reduce the discharge of pharmaceuticals into the waterways: Mr. Medberry stated that this issues is on the radar. He noted the PUC is looking and waiting for more empirical data on the effects of pharmaceutical waste. In the mean time the PUC is currently updating its public education pieces and will work with SF Environment. He also stated that the PUC would support a take back program.

#### 1. City Government Recycling update

- Julia Chang, City Government Recycling Coordinator, Department of the Environment gave a progress report on City Department resource conservation, recycling, purchasing, and waste reduction practices. The City Government diversion rate is currently being evaluated. It is estimated to be about 40%. Notable victories are: The Fire Department is at approximately 75% diversion. By composting the Police Department is saving approximately than 80K dollars on their garbage bill. Future plans include moving from 30% post consumer content recycled paper to 100%, converting all copiers to duplex, identifying and encouraging as many electronic options for operations as possible.

#### 1. Commission Secretary's Report

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

A. Communications & Correspondence: No communications were received or distributed.

### **B. Update on Pending City Legislation: The Solar Power legislation is being extended to the year 2008.**

- **8.INFORMATION:** Director's Report
- Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment gave updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division. Specifically, the Chinese Web site has been launched and is up and running, the LEED ordinance is before the Board, and the department received 50K dollars to install amalgam separators. Mr. Blumenfeld also highlighted his recent trip to China, Beijing and Hong Kong. San Francisco has the honor of hosting World Environment Day 2005.

#### 1. Policy Committee Report

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1. New Business

- The Commission discussed room availability for 2004. The Hydrogen Committee may have to meet off site.

1. President's Announcements

- Commission Retreat Agenda: World Environment Day 2205, Strategic Plan, coordinate Commissioners with departmental divisions. Other items can be forwarded to the President or to the Commission Secretary.

1. Election of Commission Officers

- President Shah thanked the Commission for its support and work during his tenure as President. He appointed Commissioner Pelosi to the Operations Committee.
- Nominations and Vote for President:
  - Commissioners Crowder, Mok and Wald nominated Commissioner Hayes.
  - Ø Commissioner Hayes was unanimously voted for to serve as President of the Commission on the Environment.
- Nominations and Vote for Vice President
  - Nominee for Vice President: Commissioner Nia Crowder
  - Ø Commissioner Crowder was unanimously voted for to serve as Vice President of the Commission on the Environment.

- The Commissioners congratulated Commissioners Hayes and Crowder and thanked Commissioner Shah for his leadership.

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- There were no comments from the public.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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January 07, 2004 IPM Ordinance

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#### Integrated Pest Management Ordinance

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1:30 PM  
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**SF Environment**

January 14, 2004



GAVIN NEWSOME., MAYOR

JARED BLUMENFELD, DIRECTOR

**NOTICE & AGENDA**

January 14, 2004

5:00 P.M.

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### **Regular Meeting Agenda**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.



- 1.Call to Order
- 2.Roll Call
- 3.ACTION: Adoption of Minutes of November 12, 2003 (Explanatory Document: Minutes of November 12, 2003 Meeting)\*\*
- 4.Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

1. Green Building Program Update

- Mark Palmer, SF Environment: Mr. Palmer will give an update on the Green Building Division's programmatic activities.
- Michael Lane, Project Manager at Laguna Honda Hospital will present the Green Building plans for the hospital.
- Maria Ayerdi of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority will present Green Building plans for the Transbay Terminal.
- Mike Grisso of the SF Redevelopment Agency will present Green Building plans for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area.

*Sponsor: Commissioners Rodriguez and Shah*

*Staff: Mark Palmer and Jan Stensland*

1. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 001-04-COE Adopting Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticide List for 2004 (Explanatory Document: Resolution No. 001-04-COE Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticide List for 2003 with attached List 2004)\*\*

*Staff: Chris Geiger*

7. ACTION: Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 002-04-COE Endorsing *The Quail Recovery Plan for the City of San Francisco* and amendments to *The Harding Park Integrated Pest Management Plan*. (Explanatory Documents: Resolution No. 002-04-COE endorsing *The Quail Recovery Plan for the City Of San Francisco* and amendments to *The Harding Park Integrated Pest Management Plan*)\*\*

*Sponsored by Director Jared Blumenfeld*

*Staff: Debbie Raphael*

**8. INFORMATION: Commission Secretary's Report**

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

**A. Communications & Correspondence**

**1. Update on Pending City Legislation**

**• INFORMATION: Director's Report**

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment will give updates on SFE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.

**1. Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report**

Commissioner Hayes will highlight the December 3, 2003 meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

**1. Operations Committee Report**

Commissioner Rodriguez will review of the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

**1. Policy Committee Report**

Commissioner Wald will highlight the December 4, 2003 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

**1. New Business**

**14. INFORMATION: President's Announcements**

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1. **Adjournment**

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Commission on the Environment

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## SF Environment

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#### Regular Meeting

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5:00 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.
  
- 1. **Roll Call:** Roll Call: Commissioners Crowder, Hayes, Mok, Shah and Wald were present. Director Jared Blumenfeld was present from SF Environment. Deputy City Attorney Rona Sandler was also present.
  
- **ACTION:** The minutes of November 12, 2003, were unanimously adopted with minor amendments.



- **Public Comments:**
- Tamar Hurwitz, Education Coordinator at SF Environment, introduced the Department mascot Phoebe the Phoenix. Phoebe helps teach San Francisco's youth about how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- There were no other comments from the public.

## 1. Green Building Program Update

Sponsor: Commissioners Rodriguez and Shah

Staff: Mark Palmer and Jan Stensland

- Mark Palmer, SF Environment: Mr. Palmer reviewed the Green Building Division's programmatic activities, highlighting the environmental and economic benefits of green construction. He discussed the goals and objects of the Green Building Division, noting that they are currently working to develop amendments to the Green Building Ordinance. The standard they are aiming for is LEED Silver.
- James Kautz, Project Director with Anshen + Allen, the architectural firm redesigning the replacement hospital for Laguna Honda, presented the Green Building elements of the plan for the hospital's replacement facility. The design incorporates a number of Green elements. Currently the project has 29 LEED points with 9 additional possible points. 33 points are required for LEED Silver certification. Although a monitoring program has not been completed one will be developed in order to ensure that the standards are maintained.
- Discussions ensued. Specifically, the Commission expressed concern about the use of highly toxic Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) flooring in a health and healing facility. Citing the Precautionary Principle, the Commission requested the developers to go back and look at the alternatives looking beyond the cost in dollars to the cost in health benefits.
- Maria Ayerdi of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority and Mike Grisso of the SF Redevelopment Agency also discussed Green Building plans for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area. The total project area is approximately 40 acres with approximately 3,400 housing units. The Transbay Terminal will be a transportation hub with nearly every form of public mass transit servicing the station. They discussed the challenges of developing a pedestrian friendly project that also accommodates autos, and other elements of urban life in the City. The Concept Plan is complete and has been adopted by the Redevelopment Agency Commission and will be going to the Board of Supervisors shortly. The project will be 40% rental and 60% for sale at 35% affordable. The project timeline for development is 2010 - 2020. They are shooting for LEED Silver as the goal for all agency projects. Discussions ensued.
- Public Comment
- Orlia Harris commented on the Transbay Terminal, inquiring if during the public process, had citizens and participants been told that the development site is on landfill.
- Mike Green spoke against the use of PVC, which is a know threat to human health in a public health facility.
- Sean Colman inquired about the standards for LEED.

1. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 001-04-COE Adopting Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticide List for 2004

Staff: Chris Geiger

- The IPM Ordinance mandates that an annual report of pesticide use in the City be given to the Commission. Mr. Geiger reviewed the citywide programs and presented updates on pesticide use. With the exception of rodenticides and some additional one-time spraying at the Harding Park golf course, the overall application of pesticides in the City continues to decline. Dan McKenna and Philip Rossi from Harding Park discussed the increased use of pesticides at the golf course. He stated that since the one time large application, they are now down to using only a swab for troublesome weeds.
- Public Comment
- Steve Cockrell asked if an analysis of the effects of Roundup use had been conducted. He was referred to Debbie Raphael, Toxic Manager at SF Environment.
- Upon motion by Commissioner Shah and second by Commissioner Mok Resolution No. 001-04-COE Adopting Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticide List for 2004, was unanimously adopted.

7. **ACTION:** Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 002-04-COE Endorsing *The Quail Recovery Plan for the City of San Francisco* and amendments to *The Harding Park Integrated Pest Management Plan*.

Sponsored by Director Jared Blumenfeld

Staff: Debbie Raphael

- Director Blumenfeld briefly reviewed the history and context of the issue. He thanked each of the participants for their dedication and hard work in resolving an intensely sensitive issue.
  - Danielle (last name unknown), of the SPCA, spoke in favor of the resolution.
  - Nancy (last name unknown) reflected on the process, thanking Mr. Blumenfeld for his leadership, and in support of the resolution.
  - Christian Rosen of the SPCA read a letter from the director of the SPCA in endorsing the resolutions. The letter noted and commended the inclusion of Trap Return (TMR) standards in the Plan.
  - Dana Smith of the SPCA spoke in support of the resolution. She focused on the Plan's balancing of urban humans need for recreational facilities with need for preserving space for coexisting habitat.
  - Susan (last name unknown), spoke in support of the resolution and the process.
  - Arthur F. spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that he was pleased with the process.
  - Steve Cockerel of SF Parks Coalition spoke in favor of the Plan. He thanked Mr. Blumenfeld for his leadership and all of the stakeholders involved.
  - Jean (last name unknown), spoke in favor of the resolution and the process.
  - Dan (last name unknown), spoke in favor of the resolution and the process. He also thanked Mr. Blumenfeld for his leadership.
- **Upon motion by Commissioner Crowder** Resolution No. 002-04-COE Endorsing *The Quail Recovery Plan for the City of San Francisco* and amendments to *The*

*Harding Park Integrated Pest Management Plan* was unanimously adopted.

8. **INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report

- Commission Secretary Emily Rogers presented a written report of communications and correspondence received by the Commission. The report also gave updates on pending legislation and schedule of Commission meetings for 2004.
- **9. INFORMATION:** Director's Report
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1. Policy Committee Report

Mr. Blumenfeld highlighted the December 4, 2003 meeting regarding the placement of Peakers in the Bayview Hunters Point and Potrero Hill communities. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

1. New Business

- President Hayes would like to explore the new Green Building Program using ABAG standards being administered by the Department of Public Health. The City Attorney was asked to research the certification of private business using the City logo. The Department Director will also explore the program and report back to the Commission. This item was referred to the Policy



Committee.

- Vice President Crowder requested that the Commission explore the environmental toll and the stress the larger new developments will place on infrastructure of the City. Director Blumenfeld will research the status of Supervisor Maxwell's legislation, which addresses this issue from an environmental justice perspective.

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  - o President Hayes and Mr. Blumenfeld briefly reviewed the format of the meeting.
- President Hayes would like to explore the following issues in upcoming meetings:
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  - Timeline for hydrogen power station.
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1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Rogers

Commission Secretary







**SF Environment**



*Agenda*

## **Special Meeting Agenda**

*This is a special meeting because it is not on its regular meeting day and time; nor is it at its regular meeting location.*

# **Strategic Planning Retreat**

**January 30, 2004**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

*Koshland Room*

*San Francisco Foundation  
225 Bush Street, Suite 500  
San Francisco, CA 94104*

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

*Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**2. ACTION:** *Adoption of Minutes of November 12, 2003 (Explanatory Document: Minutes of January 14, 2004 Meeting)\*\**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.*

**4. ACTION:** Approval of staff recommendation to relocate the "Living Classroom," a project of Literacy for Environmental Justice partially funded by the San Francisco Environment's Environmental Justice Grant Program, from Heron's Head Park to McLaren Park.

*Sponsored by Director Jared Blumenfeld  
Staff: Anne Eng, Environmental Justice Program Manager*

**5. ACTION:** Approval of grant contract between SF Environment and Literacy for Environmental Justice to develop an air-monitoring project called Bayview Community Air Monitoring Project ("BayCAMP") supported with a grant from San Francisco Foundation.

*Sponsored by Director Jared Blumenfeld  
Staff: Anne Eng*

**6. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT:**

### WELCOME AND RETREAT OBJECTIVE

*Randall Hayes, President  
Jared Blumenfeld, Director*

### INTRODUCTIONS

### PRESENTATIONS

*Drawing from the Department's revised Strategic Plan 2003-2007, SF Environment program managers will highlight program priorities identifying major target goals and objectives, focusing specifically on planned activities for 2004. Discussions will focus on how the Commission can assist the Department in achieving its goals and objectives.*



❧ SESSION I ❧

Environmental Justice Program

*Anne Eng, EJ Program Manager*

Energy Program

*Cal Broomhead, Renewable/Sustainable Energy  
Coordinator*

Zero Waste Program

*Jack Macy, Commercial Recycling Coordinator*

Discussion, Question and Answers

❧ SESSION II ❧

Toxics Reduction Programs

*Debbie Raphael, Toxic Reduction Program Manager*

Green Building Program

*Debbie Raphael, Toxic Reduction Program Manager*

Clean Air Program

*Rick Ruvolo, Clean Air Manager*

Discussion, Question and Answers

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Lunch Break  
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❧ SESSION III ❧

Outreach and Education Program

*Mark Westlund, Public Outreach Program Manager*  
*Tamar Hurwitz, Environmental Education Manager*

Discussion, Question and Answers

*Commission on the Environment*

The Commission will engage in discussions briefly  
recapping past accomplishments and then setting goal  
and objective priorities for 2004.



***Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee***

Commissioner Hayes will briefly highlight the Committee's past accomplishments and set priorities for 2004. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

***Operations Committee***

Commissioner Rodriguez will briefly highlight the Committee's past accomplishments and set priorities for 2004. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

***Policy Committee***

Commissioner Wald will briefly highlight the Committee's past accomplishments and set priorities for 2004. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

☞ Short Break ☞

**WRAP-UP & CLOSING REMARKS**

*Randall Hayes, President  
Jared Blumenfeld, Director*



**7. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

**8. COMMISSIONER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

**9. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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## APPROVED MINUTES

### *Special Meeting* Strategic Planning Retreat

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January 30, 2004  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. Commissioners Crowder, Hayes, Mok, Pelosi, Rodriguez, Shah and Wald were present.
2. ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Crowder the minutes of November 12, 2003 were unanimously adopted.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public at this time.
4. ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Crowder and second Commissioner Wald the Commission approved staff recommendation to relocate the "Living Classroom," a project of Literacy for Environmental Justice partially funded by the San Francisco Environment's Environmental Justice Grant Program, from Heron's Head Park to McLaren Park.
- Commissioners Shah recused himself from consideration of this item due to potential conflicts of interest.

*Sponsored by Director Jared Blumenfeld  
Staff: Anne Eng, Environmental Justice Program Manager*

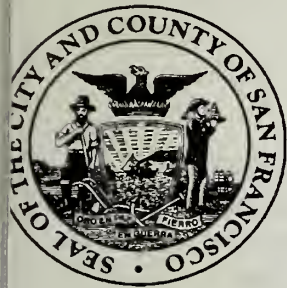
5. ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Crowder and second Commissioner Wald the Commission approved the grant contract between SF Environment and Literacy for Environmental Justice to develop an air-monitoring project called Bayview Community Air Monitoring Project ("BayCAMP") supported with a grant from San Francisco Foundation.
- Commissioners Shah and Rodriguez recused themselves from consideration of this item due to potential conflicts of interest.

*Sponsored by Director Jared Blumenfeld  
Staff: Anne Eng*

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT:

- Following introductions, Deputy city Attorney Rona Sandler reviewed the mandate of the Commission on the Environment as outlined in the City's Charter. Ms. Sandler will forward the list of environmental legislation currently being implanted in the City. Commissioners Hayes and Director Blumenfeld then welcomed everyone outlining the purpose, goals and objectives of the retreat. It is vital that the staff remain fully conversant with the Commission regarding environmental issues that affect the City. As well, staff must employ the influence of the Commission not only in developing good environmental policy for the City, but also in overcoming the struggle to implement policy as well. Commissioners then made introductory comments briefly enumerating personal program and policy interests.
- PRESENTATIONS: Drawing from the Department's revised Strategic Plan 2003-2007, SF Environment program managers highlighted program priorities identifying major target goals and objectives, focusing specifically on planned activities for 2004. Discussions focused on how the Commission could assist the Department in achieving its goals and objectives. At the next meeting of each of the Commission's sub-committees will be a follow-up discussion on the retreat, a recap of committee accomplishments and a identify policy priorities for 2004 and then report to the full Commission. President Hayes and Director Blumenfeld then made closing remarks.
- Policy and programmatic focus areas were identified:
  1. Bio-diesel school busses
  2. Youth program activities
  3. World environment Day June 5, 2005
    - o Resolution to move Earth Day to World Environment Day
  4. Tidal Wave Energy
  5. Charter Amendment
  6. Urban Eco-Tourism
  7. Sustainability Plan Goals Assessment
    - o State of the Environment
    - o Planning process for updating the Sustainability Plan
  8. Tracking of Environmental Legislation
  9. Policy implementation Focus
- 7. President's announcements and comments were incorporated into the above discussions.
- 8. Commissioner's announcements and comments were incorporated into the above discussions.
- 9. Director's announcements and comments were incorporated into the above discussions.
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
  - David Assmann will forward the list of urban eco-tours being hosted by The National Recycling Coalition.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.





CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**NOTICE & AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 10, 2004  
5:00 P.M.

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## Regular Meeting Agenda

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of January 30, 2004 Special Meeting. (Explanatory Document: Minutes of January 30, 2004 Special Meeting)\*\*

**3. Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

**4. INFORMATION:** Discussion of City's Generation Solar project and current challenges to implementation.

*Staff: Peter O'Donnell, SFE Energy Specialist*

**5. PRESENTATION:** Discussion on Community Choice Aggregation

*Staff: Cal Broomhead, SFE Energy Division Manager  
Sean Casey, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission*

**6. INFORMATION:** West Nile Virus and Mosquito Control Update and Discussion on City Department Roles and Responsibilities For Mosquito Control

*Staff: Debbie Raphael, Toxics Division Manager  
Chris Geiger, Toxics Reduction Specialist*

**7. INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report  
Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary  
A. Communications & Correspondence  
B. Update on Pending City Legislation

**8. INFORMATION:** Director's Report  
Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment will give updates on SFE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.

**9. DISCUSSION:** Follow-up-discussion on policy and programmatic focus areas identified at the Commission's Strategic Planning Retreat.

**10. INFORMATION:** Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report  
Commissioner Crowder will review the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

**11. INFORMATION: Operations Committee Report**

Commissioner Rodriguez will highlight January 21, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

**12. INFORMATION: Policy Committee Report**

Commissioner Wald will review of the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

**13. INFORMATION: New Business**

**14. ACTION: Election of Commission Officers**

- Nominations and Vote for President
- Nominations and Vote for Vice President

**15. INFORMATION: President's Announcements**

**16. Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

**17. Adjournment**

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March 10, 2004 APPROVED

## APPROVED Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. Commissioners Crowder, Mok, Pelosi, and Wald were present.
  
- **ACTION:** Upon motion by Commissioner Wald and Crowder the minutes of January 30, 2004 Special Meeting were unanimously adopted.
  
- **Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public at this time.
  
- 1. Discussion of City's Generation Solar project and current challenges to implementation.
  - Peter O'Donnell, SFE Energy Specialist, updated the Commission on the progress of the City's Generation Solar Project. He reviewed the programs structure including program-financing mechanisms, which at this time is entirely from private sources. They are currently developing best practices and installation standards. . More than 100 property owners have signed up for the program (85 residential and 15 commercial). The primary challenges to



implementation surround the issue of solar access rights.

1. Discussion on Community Choice Aggregation

- Cal Broomhead, SFE Energy Division Manager briefly reviewed the historical and legislative context of Community Choice Aggregation. He discussed the benefits to San Francisco and reviewed program structure. Ed Smellnoff of SF PUC reported on the program implementation process and financing structure.

6. **INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

A. **Communications & Correspondence:** The Commission has not received or sent any correspondence since the last meeting. However, there continues to be an increase in the number calls and emails requesting information regarding Commission and departmental activities.

B. **Update on Pending City Legislation:**

- Green Building Amendments to require LEED Silver for City buildings: This item has been assigned to the Land Use Committee, but has not yet been calendared.
- Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion: Deputy City Attorney Rona Sandler is working with the Recycling Division to finalize the language before forwarding the draft to the Board for consideration.
- Charter Amendment: This item was introduced this past Tuesday and is pending assignment to the Rules Committee.
- **7. INFORMATION:** Director's Report
- Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment gave updates on DOE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.

1. The Commission engaged in a brief follow-up-discussion on policy and programmatic focus areas identified at the Commission's Strategic Planning Retreat. The committees may be re-structured to more effectively address relevant issues and support the department. The Annual Statements of Economic Interest are due April 1, 2004. As well, the annual Sunshine Training will be held in early May.

1. Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421. The agenda has not yet been developed.

1. Operations Committee Report

- Commissioner Mok updated the Commission on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Operations Committee Meeting. He noted that the Committee would be working with staff to ensure consistency in the grant procedures and processes. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room. There will be updates on both the current and coming year's budget.

1. Policy Committee Report

- Commissioner Wald briefly reviewed discussion at the December 2003 meeting with the Potrero Hill and Bayview Hunters Point communities regarding Electric Peaker Plant project. The discussion will continue, specifically to address the community benefits package at the next meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

1. New Business

- No new business was introduced at this time.

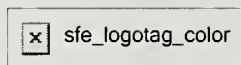
1. Election of Commission Officers
2. Nominations and Vote for President
3. Upon nomination by Commissioner Wald, Commissioner Crowder was unanimously elected to serve as President of the Commission.
4. Nominations and Vote for Vice President
5. Upon nomination by Commissioner Mok, Commissioner Pelosi was unanimously elected to serve as Vice President of the Commission.

14. **INFORMATION:** President's Announcements

- President Crowder will meet with Vice President Pelosi and Director Blumenfeld to discuss committee restructuring.

1. There were no comments from the public at this time.

1. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.



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May 12, 2004 Special Meeting

City and County of San Francisco

Commission on the Environment

# SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

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**Wednesday, May 12, 2004**

3:00 p.m.

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Nia Crowder, President

Alan Mok, Commissioner

Jared Blumenfeld, Director

1. SF Environment staff will highlight the Department's innovative environmental programs, and discuss an array of environmental resources and services that can help residents and businesses improve our environment while saving money and resources.

Recycling

Energy Conservation and Efficiency

Environmental Justice:

SF Environment Grantee SF Power Co-op will discuss its energy efficiency services

Reducing Pollution In Your Home or Business

Kid's Programs

Making Room For Trees

Money Saving Ideas for Commuting

1. UP-COMING COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

- *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee*

Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

- *Operations Committee*

Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Eco-Center.

- *Policy Committee*

**Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City**

## Hall Room 421.

- PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CLOSING REMARKS

Jared Blumenfeld, Director

Nia Crowder, President

Alan Mok, Commissioner

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. ADJOURNMENT

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Wednesday, May 12, 2004

3:00 p.m.

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1. : The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. Commissioners Crowder, Desser, Mok, Pelosi were present. Ivy Wan and Bo Ming-Ng provided Chinese Translation.
1. Commission President Nia Crowder opened the meeting by thanking and welcoming the community for attending the meeting. She reviewed the meeting format. President Crowder also introduced and welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Christina Desser.
2. Commissioner Alan Mok (in Chinese) welcomed and thanked the community for attending the meeting.
3. SF Environment Director Jared Blumenfeld also welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation. He gave a brief overview of the department's organizational structure. He also thanked the staff of Charity Cultural Services Center for their hospitality.



1. **PRESENTATIONS:** SF Environment staff highlighted the Department's innovative environmental programs, and discussed an array of environmental resources and services that can help residents and businesses improve our environment while saving money and resources. Specifically, Kevin Drew of the Zero Waste Team spoke about Recycling programs. Cal Broomhead addressed the cost saving benefits associated with Energy Conservation and Efficiency efforts. Sraddha Mehta discussed the impacts of Environmental Justice in the Asian Communities of San Francisco. Steven Moss of the SF Environment Grantee SF Power Co-op discussed its energy efficiency services and programs. Debbie Raphael spoke on efforts households and businesses can take to reduce pollution in their internal environment. Rick Ruvolo discussed the benefits of commuting offering information on various commuter programs that reduce transportation costs. Alexis Harte concluded the presentations with a brief discussion on the environmental and economic benefits of expanding the urban forest. Presenters responded to informal questions from the public during their presentation.

1. **UP-COMING COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION**

- The Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee will meet Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.
- The Operations Committee will meet Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Eco-Center.
- The Policy Committee will meet Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

5. **PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Crowder did not make any announcements at this time.

6. **CLOSING REMARKS:**

Director Blumenfeld, President Crowder, and Commissioner Mok in turn each thanked the community for their participation. The meeting was concluded with an informal poll by show of hands: members of the San Francisco Chinese community indicated that they would support efforts to reduce plastic bag waste in the City.

1. There were no comments from the public at this time.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily D. Rogers, MPA

Commission Secretary



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July 14, 2004 Special Meeting

### SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

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**Wednesday, July 14, 2004**

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**Special Meeting Agenda**

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- **ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of March 10, 2004 and May 12, 2004 Special Meeting. (Explanatory Document: Minutes of March 10, 2004 and May 12, 2004 Special Meeting)\*\*
- **Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- 1. Alternative Community Energy ("ACE") Solar Training and Installation Project. The Bayview Hunters Point community Advocates will discuss project accomplishments.

Staff: *Sraddha Mehta*

- **ACTION:** Consideration and approval of Resolution 003-04-COE "Ocean Protection." (Explanatory Document: Resolution 003-04-COE "Ocean Protection")\*\*

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT SB 1318 and 1319 (BURTON AND ALPERT), AND SB 1459 (ALPERT), RESPECTIVELY: AMENDING PROPOSITION 50 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COASTAL WATERSHED AND WETLAND PROTECTION, CREATING A CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION ACT, AND TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION OVER ALL STATE-MANAGED BOTTOM TRAWL FISHERIES.

***Sponsor: Commissioner Wald***

**Staff: Emily Rogers**

1. Mercury in Tuna and the Public's Right to Know. The Environment Code support's the public's right to know the contents of our food products.

Andi Peri, Sea Turtle Restoration Project

Jay Murray, affiliated with the US Tuna Foundation (not confirmed)

**Staff: Chris Geiger and Emily Rogers**

- **ACTION:** Consideration and approval of Resolution 004-04-COE "Mercury Health Advisories." (Explanatory Document: Resolution 004-04-COE "Mercury Health Advisories")\*\*

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**Sponsor: Commissioner Nia Crowder**

**Staff: Chris Geiger and Emily Rogers**

**9. INFORMATION: Commission Secretary's Report**

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

- A. Meeting day change. The Commission will vote at the next meeting to amend its bylaws, changing its regular meeting day to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 400.
- B. Communications & Correspondence

**1. Update on Pending City Legislation**

- **10. INFORMATION: Director's Report**

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment will give updates on SFE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Recycling and Toxics Reduction Program, and Urban Forestry Division.

**1. Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report**

Commissioner Crowder will highlight the June 2, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Crowder will review the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

1. Operations Committee Report

Commissioner Rodriguez will highlight April 21, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

1. Policy Committee Report

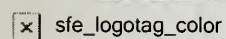
Commissioner Wald will review of the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

1. New Business

**INFORMATION: President's Announcements**

1. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

1. Adjournment



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## SF Environment

July 14, 2004 APPROVED

City and County of San Francisco

Commission on the Environment

### SPECIAL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

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Wednesday, July 14, 2004

5:00 P.M.

*City Hall, Room 263*

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#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. Commissioners Crowder, Desser, Mok, Pelosi, and Rodriguez were present.
  - **ACTION:** Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez and second by Commissioner Mok the minutes of the March 10, 2004 and May 12, 2004 Special Meeting were unanimously adopted.
  - **Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public at this time.
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1. Sraddha Mehta, Environmental Justice Grants Manager, briefly reviewed the details of the Bayview Community Advocates Alternative Community Energy ("ACE") Solar Training and Installation Project grant. The Commission then watched a brief news segment on the project. Olin Webb, Director, Karen Pierce and Neal Hadden, Board Members, Albert Fong and other staff members of Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates reviewed the history of the organization noting project challenges and accomplishments. Following a brief discussion on various details of the project, the Commission and Director Jared

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Blumenfeld commended the Advocates for their hard work and commitment to the project.

Public Comment:

1. Karen Pierce, President of the Advocates Board thanked and commended SF Environment staff. She noted the challenges of community organization capacity building appealing to the Commission for more support in this area.
2. James Morrison asked the question "Where do we go from here?" He discussed the goal of keeping the training program going and the challenges of helping program trainees find employment.

- **ACTION:** Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriquez and second by Commissioner Desser of Resolution 003-04-COE "Ocean Protection." was unanimously adopted.

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT SB 1318 and 1319 (BURTON AND ALPERT), AND SB 1459 (ALPERT), RESPECTIVELY: AMENDING PROPOSITION 50 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COASTAL WATERSHED AND WETLAND PROTECTION, CREATING A CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION ACT, AND TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION OVER ALL STATE-MANAGED BOTTOM TRAWL FISHERIES.

1. Public Comment: There were comments from the public on this item.

1. Mercury in Tuna and the Public's Right to Know. The Environment Code support's the public's right to know the contents of our food products.

Andi Peri, Sea Turtle Restoration Project

Jay Murray, affiliated with the US Tuna Foundation

1. The presentations on this item were cancelled.
1. Commissioner Rodriquez and second by Commissioner Desser motioned to adopt Resolution 004-04-COE "Mercury Health Advisories".

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

1. DISCUSSION: The Commissioners discussed the various details of the resolution.

1. Public Comment:

1. Michael Steele of Pillsbury Madison asked the Commission not to vote on this item at this time. He asked the Commission to form a stakeholder task force to allow for more public participation.

1. Ed J. urged the Commission to continue the item.

1. Katherine Stapher of the Clement Street Bar and Grill read a letter from the Grill's owner opposing the resolution and outlining potential hardships and burdens mercury advisories would impose.

1. Frank Noto of the San Francisco Chamber opposed the resolution.

1. Michael Steel thanked the Commission for splitting the issues.

1. Upon motion by Commissioner Dessler and second by Commissioner Pelosi Resolution 004-04-COE "Mercury Health Advisories" was adopted as amended. The adopted resolution is attached.

1. URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT US SENATE BILL 1939, THE MERCURY HEALTH ADVISORY ACT OF 2003 (LEAHY).

1. This item was forwarded to the Policy Committee for further consideration.

8. INFORMATION: Commission Secretary's Report

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary noted key points in her report to the Commission regarding changing its regular meeting day to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 416, communications and correspondence sent and received and offered updates on pending city legislation.

• 9. INFORMATION: Director's Report

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, SF Environment gave updates on departmental and programmatic operations relating to budget planning, strategic planning, Climate, Outreach and Education, Environmental Justice, Recycling, Green Building, Toxics Reduction, and Urban Forestry Divisions. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the budget next week. He emphasized the Department's activities in planning for World Environment Day June 5, 2005. He also reviewed the departmental budget activities and grants received.

1. Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report



Commissioner Crowder highlighted the June 2, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

1. Operations Committee Report

Commissioner Mok highlighted the April 21, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

1. Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Crowder reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421. The committee will be discussing banning plastic bags.

1. New Business

1. Policy Committee: Plastic Bag Advisories and Mercury Advisories

1. INFORMATION: President's Announcements
2. President Crowder introduced Angelo King. Mr. King has been appointed to the Commission and will be sworn in shortly. President Crowder also gave updates on the Citywide Energy Meeting held in June at the Bayview Opera House.
3. President Crowder then made the following committee appointments:
  - o Hydrogen Committee: Nia Crowder, Chair, and Paul Pelosi
  - o Policy Committee: Johanna Wald, Chair, Christina Desser and Arlene Rodriguez.
  - o Operations: Arlene Rodriguez, Chair, Paul Pelosi, and Alan Mok.

1. There were no comments from the public at this time.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily D. Rogers, MPA

Commission Secretary



Meeting Information >> Commission on the Environment

## SF Environment

September 2, 2004 Special Meeting

City and County of San Francisco

Commission on the Environment

# Special Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, September 2, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Room 416

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Nia Crowder, President, Paul Pelosi, Jr., Vice President, Christina Desser, Alan Mok, Arlen Rodriguez, and Johanna Wald.

**Commission Secretary:** Emily Rogers

**AGENDA**  
Special Meeting Agenda

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

- Call to Order and Roll Call

- **ACTION:** Adoption of Minutes of July 14, 2004 Special Meeting. (Explanatory Document: Minutes of July 14, 2004 Special Meeting)\*\*



- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.
- **PRESENTATION:** Urban Forest Council's Draft Annual Report due to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2004. (Explanatory Document: Urban Forest Council's Draft Annual Report)\*\*

**Sponsor:** *Director Jared Blumenfeld*

**Staff:** Alexis Harte

- **INFORMATION:** SUV-related restrictions on SF streets.

**Sponsor:** *Commissioner Crowder*

**Staff:** Rick Ruvolo

**Speaker:** Jerry Robbins, Department of Parking and Traffic

- **ACTION:** Consideration and approval of Resolution 005-04-COE "Bylaws Amendment." (Explanatory Document: Resolution 005-04-COE "Bylaws Amendment")\*\*

Resolution approving an amendment of the Commission's Bylaws to change the Commission's regular meeting time to the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 416.

**Sponsor:** *Commissioner Crowder*

**Staff:** Emily Rogers

- **ACTION:** Consideration and approval of revised goals of the draft Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance. (Explanatory Document: 1. Summary of the draft

Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance 2. Revised Purchasing Goals)\*\*

*Sponsor: Commissioner Crowder*

Staff: Director Jared Blumenfeld

8. **ACTION:** Authorizing President Crowder to send a letter of appreciation to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for funding The Electric Power Research Institute ("EPRI") continuing pilot study of offshore wave generation.

**Sponsor: Commissioner Crowder**

Staff: Peter O'Donnell

9. **INFORMATION:** Commission Secretary's Report

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

- A. Communications & Correspondence
- B. Update on Pending City Legislation

1. November Meeting Schedule

- **INFORMATION:** Director's Report

Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment will give updates on SFE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Zero Waste, Toxics Reduction Program, Urban Forestry Division and World Environment Day 2005.

- INFORMATION: President's Announcements

- INFORMATION: Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report

Commissioner Crowder will highlight the August 4, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Crowder will review the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

- INFORMATION: Operations Committee Report

Commissioner Rodriguez will highlight July 21, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

- INFORMATION: Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Wald will highlight July 22, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Wald will review the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2004 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

- INFORMATION: New Business

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1. Adjournment

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City and County of San Francisco

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### SPECIAL MEETING

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.  
Commissioners Crowder, Mok, Pelosi, Rodriguez, and Wald were present.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Pelosi and second by Commissioner Rodriguez the minutes of July 14, 2004 Special Meeting were unanimously adopted. There were no comments from the public on this item.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Francisco Da Costa of Environmental Justice Advocacy expressed serious concern



regarding youth field trips to Pier 98. He also encouraged the Department to give complementary tickets to community groups to attend large environmental conferences like the National Recycling Conference whenever possible.

Russell Moreen discussed the Living Classroom Project. He encouraged the Commission to take the lead and make the call as to the location of the where the project should be developed: Bayview Hunters Point or Visitation Valley. The communities involved are at impasse and are not able to resolve the issue.

Alexis Harte, Urban Forest Council Coordinator, presented the draft Urban Forest Council's Annual Report. The report is due to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors by September 1, 2004. Mr. Harte reviewed the history of the Council and outlined the Council's goals and objectives outlined the report. The report focuses on Street Tree Structure, Street Tree Function and Value, Urban Forestry Management, and Development of the Urban Forest Plan. The Commission then engaged Mr. Harte in a discussion on actions the Commission could take to support the efforts of the Urban Forest Council. There were no comments from the public on this item.

INFORMATION: Sponsor: Commissioner Crowder / Staff: Rick Ruvolo

Jerry Robbins, Department of Parking and Traffic discussed Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) related restrictions on city streets. The California Vehicle code currently allows for restrictions on designated streets based on the weight of the vehicle on California highways like Van Ness Avenue. There are notices posted on streets where the access to these designated streets is limited based on vehicle weight. There have not been any studies done on the differentiated impacts on parking larger SUV have on neighborhoods. It is unclear of the City's jurisdiction to restrict SUV's specifically. Mr. Robbins also reviewed the process for implementing restrictions including the development of alternative driving routes for excluded vehicles. This item was forwarded to the Policy Committee for follow-up discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Francisco Da Costa emphasized the challenges of enforcement of these types of laws using Third Street and frequency of violations as an example.

ACTION: Sponsor: Commissioner Crowder / Staff: Emily Rogers

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Sponsor: Commissioner Crowder / Staff: Director Jared Blumenfeld

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

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ACTION: Sponsor: Staff: Peter O'Donnell / Commissioner Crowder

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Francisco Da Costa commented on the World Environment Day and outreach efforts to engage more community level people the program planning efforts.

Russell Moreen reiterated the need for City leadership in citing the Living Classroom project.

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President Crowder reviewed various policy topics the Commission will looking at in upcoming meetings. She specifically mentioned the following topics: West Nile Virus, Tidal EPRI Project, Precautionary Principle implementation and adherence, Hydrogen City, and Bag Fees. She announced that SPUR would be hosting a Green

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INFORMATION: New Business: No new business was introduced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.





**City and County of San Francisco  
Commission on the Environment**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**Thursday, September 2, 2004**

5:00 P.M.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. Commissioners Crowder, Mok, Pelosi, Rodriquez, and Wald were present.
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15. INFORMATION: New Business: No new business was introduced.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the public at this time.

17. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Adopted: November 23, 2004





Meeting Information >> Commission on the Environment

## SF Environment

November 23, 2004 Regular Meeting

City and County of San Francisco

### Commission on the Environment

#### Notice and Agenda

Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Nia Crowder, President, Paul Pelosi, Jr., Vice President, Christina Desser, Angelo King, Alan Mok, Arlene Rodriguez, and Johanna Wald.

Commission Secretary: Emily Rogers

#### AGENDA

##### Special Meeting Agenda

##### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

##### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. ACTION: Adoption of Minutes of September 2, 2004 Special Meeting.  
(Explanatory Document: Minutes of September 2, 2004 Special Meeting)\*\*

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

4. PRESENTATION: Harnessing San Francisco's Clean-Tech Future: A plan for attracting businesses and creating jobs.

*Sponsor: Director Jared Blumenfeld*

Speaker: Arthur de Cordova

5. PRESENTATION: Green Action for Health and Environmental Justice received a \$50,000 to conduct research and advocacy on Bayview hunters point and Potrero hill communities. They will discuss project accomplishments.

**Sponsor: Commissioner Rodriguez**

Staff: Anne Eng

Speaker: Bradley Angel and Marie Harrison

**6. INFORMATION: Overview of the National Recycling Conference 2004**

**Sponsor: Commissioner Crowder**

Staff: Robert Haley

**7. ACTION:** Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 007-04-COE "Bag Fee" (Explanatory Document: Resolution No. 007-04-COE Bag Fee)\*\*

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A FEE ON PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.

**Sponsor: Johanna Wald**

Staff: Robert Haley

**8. INFORMATION: Commission Secretary's Report**

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary

- Communications & Correspondence
- Update on Pending City Legislation
- Update on Commission operations including process for noticing meetings, the website, and Commission records.

**9. INFORMATION: Director's Report**

- Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment will give updates on SFE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Zero Waste, Toxics Reduction Program, Urban Forestry Division and World Environment Day 2005. Mr. Blumenfeld will place emphasis on recent budget cuts will effect departmental operations and capacity.

**10. INFORMATION: President's Announcements**

**11. INFORMATION: Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report**

- Commissioner Crowder will review the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 5:30 PM at City Hall Room 421.

**12. INFORMATION: Operations Committee Report**

- Commissioner Rodriguez will highlight October 20, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the

Ground Floor Conference Room.

**13. INFORMATION: Policy Committee Report**

- Commissioner Wald will highlight November 18, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Wald will review the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421.

**14. INFORMATION: New Business**

**15. ACTION: Election of Commission Officers**

- Nominations and Vote for President
- Nominations and Vote for Vice President

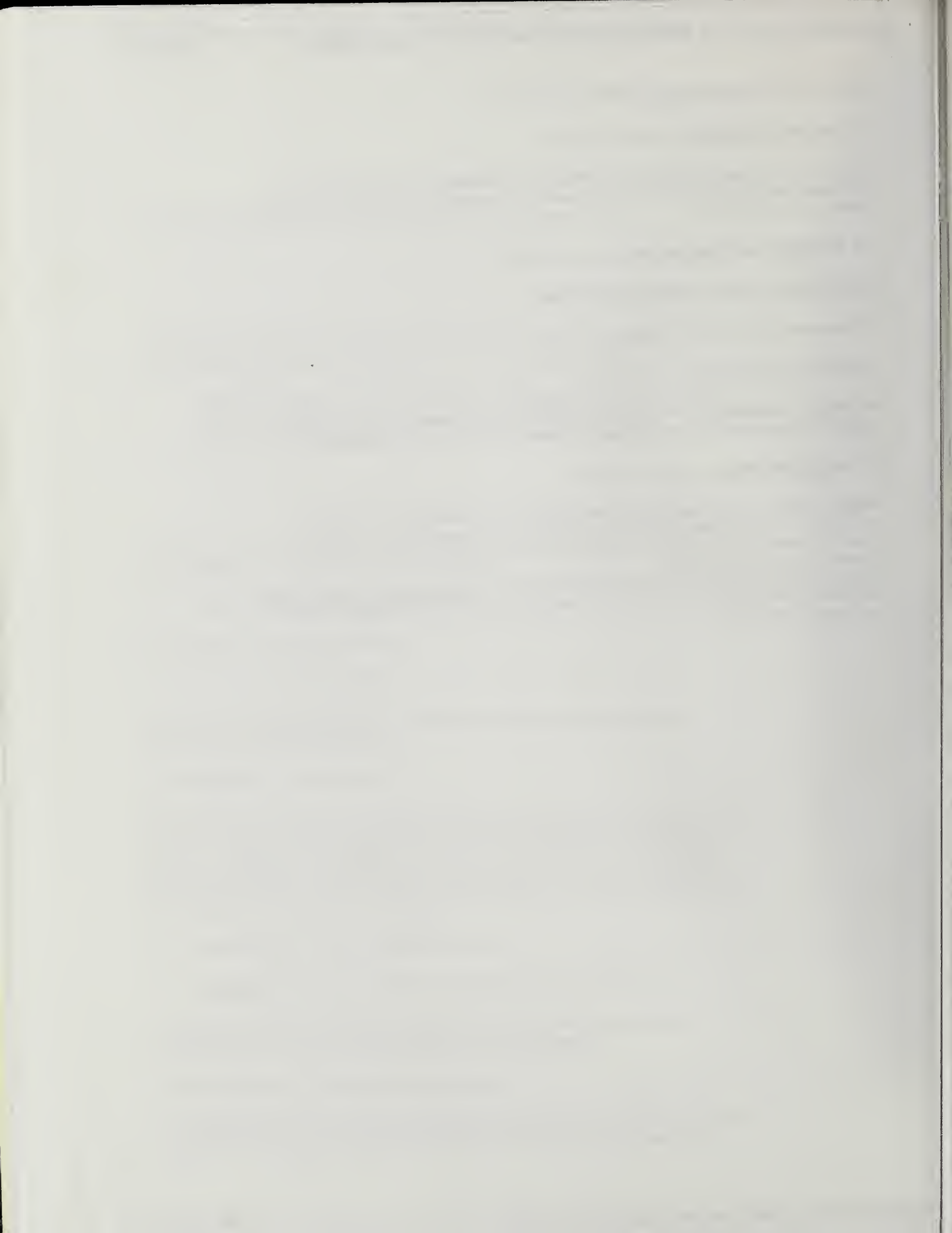
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Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall Room 416

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order shortly after 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Nia Crowder, Paul Pelosi, Jr., Christina Desser, Angelo King, Alan Mok, Arlen Rodriguez, and Johanna Wald.
2. **ACTION:** The minutes of the September 2, 2004 Special Meeting were unanimously adopted. Commissioner Rodriguez arrived after the vote on this item.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the public at this time.
4. **PRESENTATION:** *Harnessing San Francisco's Clean-Tech Future: A plan for attracting businesses and creating jobs.*

**Sponsor:** Director Jared Blumenfeld

Speaker: Arthur de Cordova

- Arthur de Cordova of Clean Edge gave a presentation entitled *Harnessing San Francisco's Clean-Tech Future: A plan for attracting businesses and creating jobs.* He reviewed the Bay Area's unique ability to position itself as an economic hub for the clean technology industry, noting that clean

5. **PRESENTATION:** Green Action for Health and Environmental Justice

**Sponsor:** Commissioner Rodriguez

Staff: Anne Eng

Speaker: Bradley Angel and Marie Harrison

- Mr. Angel and Ms. Harrison discussed the accomplishments and the challenges of their efforts to conduct research and advocacy on Bayview Hunters Point and Potrero Hill communities. The program was funded (\$50,000) by SF Environment's Environmental Justice grant program.

6. **INFORMATION:** Overview of the National Recycling Conference 2004

**Sponsor:** Commissioner Crowder

Staff: Robert Haley

- Mr. Haley briefly highlighted the activities and outcomes of the 2004 National Recycling Conference held this past September. The conference attracted national interest and was overall a great success.

7. **ACTION:** Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 007-04-COE "Bag Fee" (Explanatory Document: Resolution No. 007-04-COE Bag Fee)\*\*

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A FEE ON PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS.

**Sponsor:** Johanna Wald

Staff: Robert Haley

- Upon motion by Commissioner Rodriguez and second by Commissioner Desser the item was opened for consideration. Robert Haley gave a brief overview on the history of the resolution highlighting how the reduction of plastic and paper bag waste moves forward the recycling

and Zero Waste goals of the city. The Commission engaged in discussion regarding alternatives and use of the fee.

- Public Comment:
  1. Paul Goettlich of Northern Californians Against Plastic spoke in favor of the resolution.
  2. Jan Lunberg of Northern Californians Against Plastic spoke in favor of resolution.
  3. Jill Alcantar of Californians Against Waste spoke in favor of the resolution.
  4. George Paphitis opposed the resolution because he felt there had not been enough public input.
  5. LOBLE of Charity Cultural Services spoke in favor of the resolution.
  6. Mathew Penrose spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted that compostable bags should be excluded.
  7. Randy Hayes of Rainforest Action Network spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted that the consequences of continued waste from the production of bags is detrimental to our environmental health.
  8. Mark Murray of Californians Against Waste spoke in support of the resolution
  9. Bob Besso of Norcal Waste Management spoke in favor of the resolution.
  10. Karen Kircher spoke in favor of the resolution.
  11. Brent of the Center for Biological Diversity spoke in favor of the resolution
  12. Paul Smith of California Grocers Association opposed the resolution citing it as a regressive tax.
  13. Gia Grant of the SF Clean Coalition spoke in support of the resolution.
  14. Heidi Melader of Northern California Recycling Association spoke in favor of the resolution.
  15. Sebastian Bacharach spoke in favor of the resolution.
  16. Lisa Gautier spoke in favor of the resolution.
  17. John spoke in favor of the resolution. However, he felt that seniors and the disabled should be exempt from the paying the fee.
  18. Denise D' Anwne expressed strong support of the resolution.
  19. Bill Shireman of Global Futures spoke in favor of the resolution.
  20. Karen Pierce of the BVHP Community Advocates spoke in favor of the resolution. She noted that anyone could learn to bring his or her bags to grocery store. Ms. Pierce emphasized the importance of the education campaign,
  21. Jason Mark spoke in favor of the resolution.
  22. Pauli Ojea spoke in favor of the resolution.
  23. Andy Pugni spoke in favor of the resolution.

The Commission recessed at 6:52p.m.; reconvening at 7:08 p.m.

- The Commission voted 4:3 to continue the item.  
**Ayes: Mok, Desser, Wald, and Crowder Nays: Rodriguez, Pelosi, and King**

**8. INFORMATION: Commission Secretary's Report**

Emily Rogers, Commission Secretary reviewed communications and correspondence received. In a written report Secretary Rogers updated the Commission on pending City legislation and reviewed policies and procedures.

**9. INFORMATION: Director's Report**

- Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment gave updates on SFE administrative and programmatic operations relating to Budget Planning, Strategic Planning, Climate Division, Outreach and Education Division, Environmental Justice Division, Zero Waste, Toxics Reduction Program, Urban Forestry Division and World Environment Day 2005. Mr. Blumenfeld placed emphasis on recent budget cuts will effect departmental operations and capacity.



Mr. Blumenfeld announced that Commission Secretary Emily Rogers is leaving the department to join the Transportation and Land Use Coalition as the Director of Transportation Equity and Community Health Program. He congratulated her and thanked her for service.

**10. INFORMATION: President's Announcements**

- President Crowder reviewed potential topics for the upcoming annual Commission retreat and also reviewed her recent activities, conferences attended, etc. She congratulated Commissioner Mok on his reappointment. She also thanked Commission Secretary Emily D. Rogers for her service and wished you well.

**11. INFORMATION: Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Committee Report**

- No report was given at this time. The December 1, 2004 meeting is cancelled.

**12. INFORMATION: Operations Committee Report**

- Commissioner Rodriguez highlighted the October 20, 2004 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 4:00 PM at 11 Grove Street in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

**13. INFORMATION: Policy Committee Report**

- Commissioner Desser highlighted the November 18, 2004 meeting. The agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 5:00 PM at City Hall Room 421 will be announced.

**14. INFORMATION: New Business**

**15. ACTION: Election of Commission Officers**

- Nominations and Vote for President: Commissioner Nia Crowder was unanimously selected to serve as the president of the Commission on the Environment.
- Nominations and Vote for Vice President: Commissioner Paul Pelosi, Jr. was unanimously selected to serve as the vice president of the Commission on the Environment.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the public at this time.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Adopted: January 25, 2005









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